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An independent audit report conducted on the CNMI Public School System for fiscal year 2009 has uncovered violations in the system's established travel and employment contract policies.

In the 87-page report prepared by J. Scott Magliari & Co., it was learned that 25 individuals made a total of 415 travels in fiscal year 2009, with total travel advances amounting to \$226,690.

Nineteen of the 25 travelers—or 76 percent—submitted travel authorizations after the prescribed period. Meanwhile, of the 415

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House approves 100 to 5,900 percent hike in business fees



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Businesses in the CNMI will see an increase in their business license fees by 100 percent to 5,900 percent, if a bill approved by the House of Representatives yesterday becomes law.

The proposed increases range from \$50 to \$1,000. House Bill 17-40, House Draft 2 passed the House yesterday on a 15-1 vote, with three abstentions. One was absent.

But House members made it clear that the measure also focuses on the enforcement of licensing and taxation laws to prevent revenue loss.

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Drowning victim identified; victim's pal remains missing

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Search and rescue teams failed yesterday to locate the missing companion of a man who drowned at the Naftan Point in Obyan.

As of press time, officers from the Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Section and Fire Search and Rescue Unit were still doing land and sea search for the missing person, identified as Jianke Li, 39, a Chinese national.

Personnel from the Emergency Management Office, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority also aided the DPS teams as they resumed their search and rescue operation yesterday at 6am.

The U.S. Coast Guard in Guam also sent a helicopter to aid the search.

Acting police spokesman Sgt. Thomas Aguon Blas Jr. said that Jianke Li's companion, Sheng

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
House Minority Leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan), left, confers with the members of the minority bloc during a short recess in yesterday's House session. The session resumes this afternoon. From left, Benavente, Reps. Ray Yumul, Eli Cabrera, Tony Sablan (partly hidden), Trenton Conner, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, and Frank Dela Cruz.

PROPOSED INCREASES

Samples of license fee increases proposed

	Current fee	Proposed fee
General business license	\$50	\$100
Banks	\$500	\$1,000
Insurance agent	\$75	\$200
Insurance broker	\$100	\$300
Insurance company	\$300	\$600
Manufacturer	\$50	\$2,000
Offshore banking	\$1,000	\$2,000
Scuba diving instruction	\$100	\$200
Scuba diving tour operation	\$100	\$200
Securities dealers/brokers	\$300	\$600
Wholesalers	\$50	\$300
Roadside vendors (local produce only)	\$5	\$100
Roadside vendors (imported produce only)	\$5	\$300

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House overrides Fitial veto of election reform bill

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On a 17-1 vote, the House of Representatives overrode yesterday afternoon Gov. Benigno R.

Fitial's veto of a bill that seeks to reform CNMI election laws.

Fitial vetoed House Bill 17-66, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 on July 21, mainly due to a provision that allows early voting or voting 10 days prior to election day.

The governor said implementing this amendment to the election law would allow for "voter intimidation, fraud, and would increase the cost of the election."

"What this effectively does is create an 11-day voting period where there are no criteria that a registered voter must meet to take advantage of the

early voting period. Furthermore, the safeguards and protections that are offered registered voters on the day of the election are not offered to the voters during the 10-day early voting," Fitial said.

Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), author of the bill, said yesterday that while he is cognizant of Fitial's concerns, he said the CNMI election law should be made to conform with federal standards as soon as possible because the delegate election will be held on Nov. 2.

"Time is of the essence here. But we are going to come up with an amendment to it. It's

going to be a separate bill to address the governor's concerns," Demapan said in an interview.

Demapan wished the governor did not veto the whole bill, but he said he will be working with the Commonwealth Election Commission, the administration and other lawmakers to address the governor's concerns in a separate legislation.

On Nov. 2, CNMI voters will elect for the second time a non-voting delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Voters will also vote on three initiatives.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert Guerrero, who was at the House session yesterday, echoed Demapan's statement on the introduction of a separate bill that will tackle the governor's concerns.

"This is a much needed legislation," he said.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the Fitial administration stands by its concerns on the election bill.

"In vetoing the bill, the governor cited concerns on jeopardizing a fair and impartial election. While it is disappointing to learn that the House overrode the veto, the administration stands by its position as we believe that before the enactment of that piece of legislation, all the areas of concerns should be addressed to ensure that our elections continue to be conducted in the most fair and impartial manner possible," Demapan said.

HB 17-66 not only seeks to reform the Commonwealth election laws to conform to federal requirements, but also creates a

"voter challenge" process, and empowers the Election Commission to continue conducting elections in a fair and democratic manner.

House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) offered the motion to override the governor's veto in yesterday's session.

Of the 19 House members present, 17 voted "yes," and only Rep. Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) voted "no." Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) abstained. Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) was excused from the session.

An override requires the vote of two-thirds of the 20-member House.

This is the first time that the 17th House of Representatives has overridden the governor's veto.

The election reform bill now goes to the Senate for action. If two-thirds of the Senate vote "yes" on the override, the bill automatically becomes law.

A Senate legislative initiative moved the local elections to even-numbered years so that they would be aligned with federal elections. Accordingly, during each local election, the voters will not only vote on local issues but also for the federal non-voting delegate.

Federal elections have their own set of requirements that must be followed by both the government and all candidates, and this is the reason behind the introduction of HB 17-66.

"Consequently, in order to simplify the process and not have two different sets of rules for each election, the Legislature finds it necessary to amend election statutes that differ from federal election law," the bill said.

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Fund: Govt empties reserve account for judicial building loan

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The NMI Retirement Fund has found out that the reserve account held by the government for its loan for the judicial building is now empty—a violation of the agreement signed by parties.

Fund acting administrator Richard Villagomez reported to the board of trustees during its meeting last week that the government had emptied the three-

month loan reserve account.

Despite this, the government is still making its regular monthly payment on the loan with the Fund, Villagomez said.

"They're still current in their payment...but there's no more reserve account for the loan," said Villagomez, adding that he confirmed the current status of the reserve account with Finance Secretary Bob Schrack.

"How come it's empty and we didn't know?" asked Fund trust-

ee Adelina Roberto, adding that the Fund should carefully look at the situation to determine the board's possible action.

"If we penalize other people [because of a similar situation]...let's penalize them too," she said, pointing out the requirements of the loan agreement.

The Judicial Building Financing Act of 1994 allowed the CNMI government to secure a \$13.8 million loan from the

NMI Retirement Fund in order to build the Guma Hustisia in Susupe. The primary source of repayment would come from revenues generated by the Judiciary. The loan agreement required the maintenance of a 3-month reserve account under the custody of the Finance secretary. The loan has a maturity date of Aug. 14, 2015.

The Judiciary was behind on its payment for several months last fiscal year but Villagomez

said it is now making current payments every month.

The judicial building loan is one of the Fund's four local investments and has been cited as one of the investments that are at risk.

Saipan Tribune has learned that the Judiciary's average monthly collection has significantly dropped in the last few years and will result in its \$13.8 million loan going in default by this year.

Brostrom resigns from DPH

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Division of Public Health medical director Dr. Richard Brostrom recently tendered his resignation with the Department of Public Health.

John Tagabuel, deputy secretary for public health, confirmed with the Saipan Tribune yesterday Brostrom's departure from service. It was learned that the physician is off-island and is using up his terminal leaves.

"Dr. Brostrom is taking his leave at this time. His employment with the department ends in September," said Tagabuel.

It was learned that Brostrom will relocate to Hawaii for another medical health position.

In an email to Saipan Tribune, Brostrom said he will be on island next month.

Brostrom has been with the department for almost a decade and is the attending physician at the hospital's chest clinic.

Tagabuel said the department will soon announce the vacancy.



Brostrom

"Dr. Brostrom's FTE is still open and DPH is still searching and accepting applications," he added.

As of June, the Commonwealth Health Center had more than 20 physicians and five vacancies, not including

Brostrom's post. Dr. Chad Lowe will fly to Atlanta, Georgia, this month to recruit the needed doctors.

Tagabuel said yesterday that DPH has identified alternative

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House holds off action on budget bill

Fitial admin asks for time to review revised version

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The House of Representatives held off action on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget bill yesterday, following the Fitial administration's request for ample time to review the revised version.

Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said the House will act on the budget bill this afternoon.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, provided copies of his

revised House Bill 17-96.

HB 17-96, House Substitute 1 reinstates the appropriations that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial submitted for Rota and Tinian, which the original budget bill reduced. Rota and Tinian will now each get \$6.256 million.

The substitute bill adds \$143,715 to the Executive Branch, to make it a little over \$57.782 million. But this is still much less than the almost \$64.739 million that the governor asked for the Executive Branch.

Press secretary Angel Dema-



Tenorio

pan said that, "given that the bill is approximately 30 pages and a revision of what was previously furnished to us, the administration found it only prudent to request for additional time to thoroughly and efficiently review the new version of the bill."

Basa's substitute bill also cuts the Legislative Bureau's

\$1.78 million budget to \$1 million, and removes the maximum compensation of \$1 to the LB director.

But the House speaker said all other appropriations for the Legislature remain the same, including the office account that will increase to \$155,000 a year for each lawmaker from the current \$70,000 to \$80,000. Tenorio said the House is only reinstating the amount that lawmakers used to receive.

The office account is on top of each lawmaker's annual salary of over \$39,000, as well as

their leadership and committee chairmanship accounts.

The budget bill gives the Legislative Branch over \$8.585 million in FY 2011, a whopping increase from Fitial's proposed \$4.219 million.

It also gives the Judiciary \$3.311 million, more than Fitial's proposed \$2.97 million.

Basa's budget bill reflects the governor's proposed \$132.565 million for the entire CNMI government operations in FY 2011, which begins on Oct. 1. The FY 2011 budget plan estimates total budgetary resources to reach \$149.171 million.

The substitute bill maintains

the \$1.047 million appropriation for the Saipan Mayor's Office.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, who was in the House gallery yesterday, said the appropriation for his office has been cut by half. "We might shut down," he said.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), during yesterday's session, asked Basa to request the Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Public Utilities Commission to provide their current number of full-time employees, even though these independent agencies do not receive appropriation from the general fund.

PSS

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travel authorizations, 94—or 23 percent—were submitted after the prescribed period.

This prompted the auditing firm to note that PSS failed to adhere to its travel policies and does not have internal control monitoring procedures in place to make sure that all travel authorizations are submitted in accordance with existing travel policies.

The same findings indicated that eight of the 25 travelers did not comply with PSS requirements to submit certain documents before traveling, such as justification memorandum for the travel, document of invitation/agenda, specific purpose, itinerary, and estimated cost.

Because of the absence of these travel documents, the auditor noted that this could result in high outstanding advances balance and potential bad debts.

The report also disclosed that 12 of the 25 travelers in 2009 did not submit travel liquidation within the prescribed period, resulting in deficiencies.

Two travelers also received travel advances for trips that were later cancelled but they did not return the entire travel advance and, instead, authorized deductions from their salaries for semi-monthly installments.

PSS policy requires travelers using per diem rate to submit an approved detailed trip report. Five travelers failed to do so in 2009. These covered two trips to Washington, D.C.; one to Hawaii; and two to Guam.

Unauthorized use of PSS credit card

The audit also found that the system violated its own credit card regulations. The PSS credit card is only allowed for online purchases but not for travel advances and liquidation.

It was learned that four of the 25 travelers in 2009 used the PSS credit card on several trips to pay for accommodations and registrations.

The auditor cited a "weakness in internal control" in the use of the PSS credit card, which could result in fraud, misuse of funds, and abuse.

"Unrecorded or unauthorized disbursements could be incurred and not be detected in a timely manner. Furthermore, abuse and misuse of funds could be perpetrated if employees other than

the treasurer have access to the organization's credit card," the auditor noted.

Salary increases

Besides the travel policies, the single audit also uncovered noncompliance with CNMI law, particularly Public Law 16-32 or the 2009 Appropriations Act, which barred salary increases and froze hiring.

The report found that the Board of Education increased the salary of Education Commissioner Rita Sablan from \$70,000 to \$80,000 per annum, retroactive to her date of hire on Aug. 20, 2008.

It also noted a salary increase for the legal counsel, from \$55,000 to \$70,000 per annum, retroactive to Oct. 30, 2008.

The salary of the board's secre-

tary was also increased by 20 percent retroactive to Oct. 30, 2008.

PSS also made renovations to the office of the Board of Education amounting to \$9,590 and purchased controlled assets. These expenditures were funded by PSS operations appropriation.

The Board of Education justified the salary increases, saying these were already decided in its 2008 meeting.

"It appears that PSS may be in violation of P.L. 16-32," the auditor noted.

Employment, sole source contracts

The audit also uncovered 14 employment contracts that were not properly signed and executed before their effective dates.

A significant number of new employees hired in fiscal year 2009 also had no physical examination records on file.

Four sole contracts were found with no cost and price analysis documentation, including honorarium for training, costing \$9,000; financial management consultant, \$60,000; procurement of software for nine schools, \$204,176; and training and technical assistance, \$89,541.

"PSS procurement policies and procedures are not in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education procurement regulations for grantees. Overpricing of sole source procurements may occur and not be detected in a timely manner," the audit states.

The audit report was released on July 30.

DROWNING

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Jian, 32, also a Chinese national, was taken Monday to the Commonwealth Health Center where a doctor pronounced him

dead at 5:51pm.

Blas said a certain Mr. Lin had called 911 on Monday at 11:52am to report the two missing fishermen.

Preliminary police investigation showed that the two had out to the Naftan Point on Sunday at

8pm to do some cliff line fishing.

They were expected to return home before midnight that Sunday. When they failed to show up, a family member reported the matter to DPS on Monday morning.

Blas said the DPS Boating

Safety Section and Fire Search and Rescue Unit were activated to begin a search along the cliff line and at sea in the Naftan Point area, behind the Hawaiian Rock Quarry.

At 2:44pm, rescuers found the body of an Asian man at the

bottom of the cliff line, where the two men were reported to have been fishing, Blas said.

Due to bad weather and terrain conditions, rescuers managed to pull the body from the cliff line only at 4:30pm, he added.

A family friend who was at

the scene identified the body as that of Sheng Jian.

Jian was transported to CHC's morgue where a doctor pronounced him dead.

The police report did not indicate how the victim fell into the water from the cliff line.

FEES

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nue leaks, and for the government to collect what is due it.

Businesses caught operating without a valid license will be fined \$2,000 instead of the current \$500 penalty under HB 17-40.

Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) said this is just one of the revenue-generating bills that the 17th House will be passing to complement the austerity and budget measures. The government is operating on a deficit.

"We are cutting government spending and at the same time we're looking for ways to generate revenue," he said.

The general business license fee of \$50, for example, has not changed in 28 years while the costs associated with processing business licenses have increased, said Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), author of the bill.

"It's not a popular thing to do but we have to do this. Our fees have not been changed for decades when costs for processing these fees have changed," he said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, when he was still the speaker in the 3rd Legislature, introduced a bill that would increase the general business license fee from \$25 to \$50. This bill became Public Law 3-11 and remained unchanged since then.

Tenorio, who is also a former governor, said increasing the general license fee by \$50 is "reasonable."

"Doing business in the CNMI is not a right; it's a privilege," the speaker said.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, was the only one who voted "no" on HB 17-40.

In an interview, he said while

he supports strengthening the enforcement aspect of the bill and raising the general business license fee by \$50, he is opposed to a general increase in all other types of fees.

"I believe more studies should be done first to determine the impact on businesses. ... The timing is also an issue because of the current economic difficulties," he said.

Reps. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan), Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota) and Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) abstained from voting, citing conflict of interest because of family or relatives with business. Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan) was excused from the session.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said "generally, the administration supports measures that will generate additional revenues."

"However, it is also important to evaluate all relative factors when formulating such mea-

sures," he said.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business group in the CNMI with some 150 members, has been opposed to bills that would make it costlier to do business in the CNMI, particularly increases in fees and taxes.

22 types of fees

Cabrera's bill proposes to increase the fees of at least 22 types of businesses or activities.

These include license fees for banks, wholesalers, manufacturers, insurance companies, agents and brokers, scuba dive operators and instructors, roadside vendors, and general business licenses.

Banks, for example, currently pay an annual \$500 license fee. HB 17-40 proposes to increase this to \$1,000—a 100-percent increase.

Offshore banks will also see a 100-percent increase in license fee, from the current

\$1,000 to \$2,000.

Manufacturers pay only \$50 in license fee annually, but HB 17-40 wants to increase this to \$2,000 or by 3,900 percent.

Insurance agents currently paying \$75 will have to cough up \$200 or a 167-percent increase if this bill becomes law. Insurance brokers and companies will also see increases in license fees.

Roadside vendors selling local agricultural and fishery products currently pay only \$5. Cabrera's bill increases this fee to \$100, provided that they are selling only local agricultural and fishery products.

Roadside vendors selling imported fruits and vegetables will be assessed a license fee of \$300 under HB 17-40.

Enforcement

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) offered a floor amendment to HB 17-40, mostly technical amendments.

House Minority Leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) also offered an amendment to double the amount appropriated for licensing and taxation enforcement efforts, from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Under the bill, the first \$200,000 collected from these license fees will be deposited into a "licensing and taxation enforcement account," which is separate from the general fund and to be used solely for the enforcement of licenses and taxes. It is not reprogrammable.

The bill also increases the penalty for those found operating businesses without valid licenses, from \$500 to \$2,000.

"Businesses or persons, officers, directors, shareholders engaging in business shall be licensed for one line of business only. A business shall have a separate license for each physical business location in the Commonwealth," HB 17-40 says.

Govt's life insurance is extended until Dec. 31, 2010

House passes bill on single insurance policy

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Albeit temporarily, government employees and retirees can heave a sigh of relief following the extension of their existing life insurance coverage with Individual Assurance Company to Dec. 31, 2010.

The life insurance coverage was earlier expected to expire on July 31 or Aug. 31 unless parties could negotiate a single and affordable policy for all.

Acting NMI Retirement Fund administrator Richard Villagomez told lawmakers about the temporary extension of the life insurance coverage, as he requested House members during yesterday's session to pass House Bill 17-77, which would allow for a single policy coverage for all.

Minutes later, the House passed HB 17-77, House Draft 1, on an 18-0 vote, with one abstention.

House Vice Speaker Felici-

dad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan) declared a conflict of interest when she abstained. Only one member was excused from the session, Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

HB 17-77 amends in its entirety a law codified as the "Retirement Fund Contribution to Life Insurance" so that the Fund can negotiate for only one group life insurance for both retirees and active government employees.

Prior to the voting, House

members took turns asking Commonwealth Retirees Association president Juan Sablan and Villagomez, who is also the acting administrator for the Group Health and Life Insurance Program.

Villagomez reiterated that the government will be able to save some \$1.5 million annually if a single policy for all is negotiated.

Sablan said members are concerned about the low benefits that may result from a single insurance coverage.

Some House members said

that, in the ongoing negotiations for life insurance coverage, a \$10,000 coverage may be too low.

But Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) said it would be better to see a decrease in benefits "than see the program die."

Villagomez said because the size of the plan membership is too small, the CNMI government does not have any negotiating power when it comes to setting the benefits.

Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) called for a deferral of action on HB 17-77 until

after the meeting of the CRA board on Thursday.

Basa said lawmakers should not delay action on important bills especially when ample time has already been given to members of the public to air their concerns on bills.

"We are not here for easy decisions. We are here to make tough decisions," he said.

The government-run GHLIP, which is under the auspices of the NMI Retirement Fund, had said that if parties are unable to negotiate a policy that is affordable to retirees, active employees, and the CNMI government, then the government will have to self-insure again, just like what it did between Dec. 16 and Dec. 30, 2009, when NetCare Health and Insurance ended its contract with the Fund over an unsettled contract dispute.

HB 17-77, HD1 now goes to the Senate for action.

Probable cause seen to charge two suspects in Kagman rape

Hocog, Camacho plead not guilty

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman found probable cause yesterday to warrant the filing of charges against a teenager and another suspect in the kidnapping and gang rape of a 16-year-old student in Kagman.

Based on the testimony of the government's witness and the arguments of counsel, Wiseman said he finds probable cause to believe that the crimes were committed and that the persons who committed the offenses were Alfred P. Hocog and Jo-

seph C. Camacho Jr.

Hocog and Camacho were charged with kidnapping, conspiracy to commit kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, conspiracy to commit sexual assault in the first degree, aggravated assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Hocog, 17, and Camacho, 31, pleaded not guilty to all charges. They were remanded to the custody of the Department of Corrections. Jury trial was set for Nov. 8, 2010 at 9am.

Hocog will turn 18 on Aug. 30. The Office of the Attorney General charged him as an adult.

Police said it was Hocog who first beat up the victim and raped her on June 16, 2010.

Police arrested Hocog and Camacho last week. Two days

later, Angel Jess Santos, 21, was arrested. Next was 33-year-old Ivan Jones Castro.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher appeared for

the government. Attorneys Joaquin DLG. Torres and Richard W. Pierce served as counsels for Hocog and Camacho respectively.


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Couple arrested for allegedly stealing, tampering with vehicle

Husband also nabbed last month on same charges

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REPORTER

An auto shop owner who was recently arrested for allegedly engaging in a scheme to steal and tamper with vehicles was apprehended again Monday, this time with his wife for the same charges.

Mohammad Jahangir Miah, 35, and Tahira S. Miah, 23, were

arrested in Susupe and As Lito respectively for theft of vehicle. Bail was initially set at \$5,000 cash each. The two were set to appear in the Superior Court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing.

Detective Jonathan Decena stated in his report that the Miah couple stole a Nissan Frontier pickup truck belonging to Chai Jin Liu on June 20, 2010.

Decena said that Liu reported the theft to the Department of Public Safety that same day.

Liu told police that her Frontier was parked in front of her house in San Antonio. She said her neighbor woke her up at 4:30am after seeing a man arrive on a sky-blue truck and drive off with her Frontier, with

the sky-blue truck following.

Decena said follow-up investigation led police to believe that the Miah couple were behind the theft.

A day after Liu's vehicle was stolen, Tahira S. Miah submitted to the DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicle a notarized affidavit, claiming she lost her license plate and that she needed a replacement.

BMV issued her a new license

plate, which the suspects put on the Frontier. The couple has since then been using the stolen vehicle, according to the police.

On July 23, Decena said, Tahira S. Miah admitted to a traffic investigator that they stole the Frontier in San Antonio.

Tahira S. Miah said her husband planned the entire thing after they obtained an extra set of keys for the vehicle from the wife of the original owner.

Before this, police arrested Jahangir Miah for allegedly tampering with the VIN numbers of a stolen car and replacing it with another license plate. He was released after posting bail.

Jahangir Miah owns an auto shop in As Lito.

In 2006, the Superior Court sentenced him to three years in prison for forging Labor and Immigration documents.

Three Rotarians receive Paul Harris Fellowship

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REPORTER

Three members of the Rotary Club of Saipan were presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship during its regular membership meeting yesterday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's Restaurant.

Past president Kim Forrester and Rotarian Kathryn Barry became a Paul Harris Fellow for the first time while past president Dennis Yoshimoto received the fellowship for the third time.

Established in 1957, the Paul Harris Fellowship aims to express appreciation for a contribution of \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation.

Through the fellowship, Rotarians also recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of the foundation.

The Paul Harris Fellowship was named after Paul Harris who founded The Rotary in



Rotarians Dennis Yoshimoto, Kim Forrester, and Kathryn Barry receive the Paul Harris Fellowship emblems during their regular membership meeting yesterday. From left, president-elect Nel Matanguihan, Yoshimoto, Forrester, Barry, Foundation Service director Ben Babauta, and

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Chicago in 1905 with his three business associates.

Forrester, Barry, and Yoshimoto accepted the three emblems of a Paul Harris Fellow, which include the certificate, a lapel pin, and medallion, from acting president Glen Perez, president-elect Nel Matanguihan, and Foundation Service director Ben Babauta.

Since Yoshimoto is a third-time fellow, he was presented with a ruby pin.

Special recognition

Barry, who will move to Virginia with her family, was given special recognition to acknowledge her Rotary efforts during her years of stay on Saipan.

"It is so hard to say goodbye. As it gets closer, it gets harder. ...I will miss all of you," said an emotional Barry.

Although she will be leaving Saipan, Barry told her fellow Rotarians that she will remain a Rotarian, "something that we'll share no matter where we are in the world."

Aside from the Rotary, Barry said they also share the common bond of having lived on Saipan and will miss the camaraderie that she formed with everyone.

"I just want to say thank you very much for giving me the honor and pleasure of being with you in Rotary and having a lot of fun over the years.

Barry urged her fellow Rotarians to find their passion and do it, embrace being a part of the Rotary and give back to the community.

Barry also thanked her family whom she described as supportive for allowing her to do all the things she did on the island. "I can never do it without the support of my family," she added.

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CNMI has underutilized, unutilized resources—SBDC director

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REPORTER

The CNMI has a number of underutilized or unutilized resources that it can capitalize on, according to the director of the CNMI Small Business Development Center.

"When I first move into an area, my interest is looking at underutilized or unutilized resources," said Gary A. Liddle, addressing members of the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday at Hyatt Regency's Giovanni's Restaurant.

Liddle said one of these unuti-

lized resources is water, "assuming that we take care of it and don't dump our trash in there."

"Why do people come here? I think among other reasons, they want to see what's under the water," said Liddle, adding that there are water activities that the island can get the most out of, such as scuba diving, snorkeling, the submarine, and bathyscaphe.

Liddle said these activities could attract additional tourists and get them to spend extra dollars during their stay here.

According to Liddle, the airstrips and taxiways on Tinian are underutilized resources.

"They're virtually an unused



Liddle

He narrated the experience of New Zealand with one of their unutilized resource—their extensive beach with very little slope—where they developed the kite bugging industry that Liddle said could be introduced to an area such as Tinian.

Liddle, who started his business

resource," he added.

Liddle also said that wind is another unutilized resource on both islands.

career at the age of 6, also cited the part of Kalabera Cave that is full of crystals as one opportunity for a business on Saipan.

"In my mind, that represents an activity that a number of tourists, if not people like myself living on the island, would like to see. There's a piece of equipment that's readily available that's very inexpensive," he said.

During the meeting, Liddle also underscored the array of technical services that SBDC has to offer for small businesses in the CNMI.

"We offer an outsider's point of view on what you may or

may not be able to do that will be productive for your business," he said.

Reopened on June 15 after 10 years of inactivity, the SBDC is a service center of the University of Guam Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network and is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The CNMI-SBDC provides small business owners with opportunities that can help them improve their existing businesses or assist them in establishing a new one.

Liddle said they would conduct five workshops aimed at

improving business prowess or preparing those who consider venturing into their own business enterprise.

The FasTrac Growth Venture will be held at the American Memorial Park on Aug. 17 to 18 at 9am.

The workshops will be facilitated by Denise Mendiola Hertslet, a certified small business counselor and the executive director of the Pacific Islands Microcredit Institute, which administers the first and only microcredit loan program in Guam.

Registration is free. To reserve a seat, call Gary Liddle or Tracy Maratita at 664-3018.

Court revokes pre-trial release of Tinian mayor's staff in 'ice' case

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REPORTER

The federal court has revoked the pre-trial release of a Tinian Mayor's Office employee who is facing charges of distributing methamphetamine or "ice," saying he poses a danger to the community.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge David O. Carter on Monday noted that Henry M. San Nicolas is being charged with a controlled substance offense and his non-disclosure of a prior felony conviction is egregious.

He did not find San Nicolas a flight risk, though.

Carter remanded San Nicolas to the custody of the U.S. Marshal without bail.

Assistant U.S. Attorney James Benedetto informed the court that he and the defendant and his counsel, Joseph N. Camacho, had already signed a plea agreement and that they were ready to have a change of plea hearing.

San Nicolas, along with Tinian police officer Gilbert Macararas and Carlos Aldan, was arrested in a joint anti-meth operation conducted by Tinian

police and Drug Enforcement Administration agents on May 20, 2010.

San Nicolas pleaded not guilty. Macararas and Aldan pleaded guilty.

After a few days, San Nicolas was released on bail.

On July 30, 2010, the U.S. Probation Office moved to revoke the pre-trial release of San Nicolas after learning he was not truthful in his answer during the initial interview.

U.S. Probation Office's Deputy Chief Grace D. Flores Flores said that San Nicolas was twice arrested before for criminal behavior, which he did not disclose to the U.S. Probation Office.

San Nicolas was arrested on Sept. 19, 1999, for assault and battery, but the case was not forwarded to the CNMI's Office of the Attorney General for prosecution.

San Nicolas was again arrested on Feb. 2, 2001, for sexual abuse of a child and was charged with three counts of sexual abuse of a child and two counts of oral copulation with a minor. He pleaded guilty to one count of oral copulation with a minor; the remaining charges were dismissed. He was sen-

tenced to two years in prison, all suspended, and placed on two

years of probation.

Flores said despite the prior

sexual abuse conviction involving a minor, San Nicolas is not

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		5:00pm-8:00pm	Room D-1
August 18	Wednesday	9:00am-12:00pm	Room A-6/A-7

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		5:00pm-7:00pm	Room A-5
August 19	Thursday	10:00am-12:00pm	Room A-5
		5:00pm-7:00pm	Room A-5
August 20	Friday	10:00am-12:00pm	Room A-5

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AUG. 11, 1999

DOC steps up campaign vs unlicensed tobacco sellers

With the imposition of stricter penalties regulating the sale of tobacco to minors, law enforcement agents from the Department of Commerce have been visiting stores on the island to make sure that they have the license to sell tobacco products. Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed Public Law 11-75 which increased the penalties on establishments selling tobacco products to minors. Businesses found violating the law face a maximum fine of \$500 for second offense, suspension of license for third offense and revocation of license up to one year for fourth offense. A preliminary inspection report by the Alcohol Beverage Control Office showed that some 326 establishments in Saipan are licensed to sell tobacco products, way below the expected number. Some 630 stores are licensed to sell alcohol. Between 30 to 40 stores are licensed to sell tobacco in Rota and Tinian.

Bill restricting hiring of foreign workers by nonresidents vetoed

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday disapproved a proposed law restricting employment of guest workers in businesses owned by nonresidents on the island, saying the measure may face legal questions from existing firms. He, however, expressed support to the proposal and prodded legislators to seek assistance from his legal counsel to draw up a new version that will address his concerns. Offered by Vice Speaker Jesus T. Attao and Rep. Oscar M. Babauta, House Bill 11-247 aimed to forbid alien workers who entered the CNMI for employment before July 28, 1987 to bring in foreign manpower for their own businesses.

AUG. 11, 2000

Affordable housing for Rota's low-income families

Northern Marianas Housing Corp. Board Chair John S. Tenorio yesterday said tenants in government subsidized housing in Rota and Tinian for low-income families may be able to have their own homes in the future. At present there are 30 tenants each in Rota and Tinian who have availed of the Section 8 Housing Assistance Program, a federal program for low-income families. Since some tenants in these houses are even working in government agencies, NMHC will evaluate the financial capability of these people to determine whether they can own the houses they are currently renting.

AGO sues price-fixing CD manufacturers

The nation's largest manufacturers and distributors of recorded music conspired with various retailers to fix the prices of their products, Attorney General Herbert D. Soll and his counterparts in 30 other states and territories charged yesterday. According to an antitrust complaint filed in New York federal court, the companies engaged in an unlawful scheme designed primarily to stop retail outlets such as Best Buy, Circuit City and Target from offering music at deep discounts. The emergence of these discount music outlets in the early 1990's began to offer stiff competition to mall-based music stores selling at high list prices, often "suggested" by manufacturers or distributors.

AUG. 11, 2002

NMI gets more food stamp funding

The United States and CNMI governments have signed the Memorandum of Understanding that would authorize the release of more than \$7 million in aid to low-income families in the Commonwealth under the Nutrition Assistance Program. Gov. Juan N. Babauta and Cultural Affairs Secretary Juan L. Babauta signed the MOU on behalf of the CNMI. The agreement involves an estimated \$7.1 million grant that will cover the full request made by NAP for financial year 2003. The grant will come from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Services. According to the DCCA Secretary Babauta, the federal funding made available to the CNMI will be of significant help, especially to families facing financial difficulties.

AUG. 11, 2003

Clyde Lemons resigns as acting AG

Acting Attorney General Clyde Lemons Jr. has reportedly resigned from his post Friday. Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente confirmed that he has heard about this but he declined to give additional comments, saying he has not seen the memorandum indicating that Lemons has indeed turned in his resignation Friday. He said there will be a meeting today to take up the matter. A lawyer working for the AGO also confirmed that he has heard about Lemons' purported resignation. The lawyer, though, referred this reporter to Lemons himself, saying, "I'm not at liberty to say." For his part, the government lawyer said the information he learned was unconfirmed and inconclusive.

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255 unregistered gun owners face possible arrest

A total of 255 gun owners remain unregistered and non-compliant with CNMI's gun law as of yesterday and they are being given 72 hours to register, renew, or transfer their firearm permits—or face arrest.

In a notice issued yesterday, acting Public Safety Commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogomoro said that DPS had conducted home visits, and sent out media release, news letters and mailed notification to all gun owners on record reminding all to register their firearms.

DPS believes that this is sufficient notice for all gun owners to renew or register their firearms, he said.

Starting Aug. 14, 2010, the DPS Joint Drug and Firearm Enforcement Task Force will be on full force and will take actions by arrest warrants and penal summons to all gun owners that have failed to register and are non-

compliant with the Commonwealth Weapons Control Act.

"Any person who is in possession of illegal firearms and/or ammunition after this notice will be dealt with according to the law," the DPS notice states.

Individuals who wish to relinquish ownership of their firearms must voluntarily and peacefully surrender his/her firearm and/or ammunition to the police department, the notice said. Firearms with expired permits that are within the DPS Armory Section's custody will be disposed of properly.

As of Jan. 16, 2009, DPS had on record 2,000 gun owners with permit and 800 were previously declared as unregistered.

DPS is asking gun owners to report to the Records and Firearms Section at the BMV building in Susupe. Gun owners are asked to bring in a valid ID and their firearm permit. (DPS)

Soon-to-depart Barrys draw praise from administration

The Commonwealth will soon bid farewell to two active members of the community. After a several years of making the CNMI their home, Jim and Kathryn Barry will be relocating to the U.S. mainland.

Jim Barry had served the people of the Commonwealth as a Special Agent for the Saipan Resident Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Aside from his direct professional duties and responsibilities with the FBI, Jim Barry had made numerous contributions to the local Department of Public Safety in regard to law enforcement matters as well as the training and instructional needs of the police department.

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos lauded Jim Barry's contributions yesterday. "The Commonwealth is always pleased to be home to people who actively engage in the community's safety and welfare. Over the years, Jim has been an asset not just to the FBI, but to all the people of the CNMI," said Inos.

The special agent's wife, Kathryn, is no stranger to the community either. She has been a visible figure in many of the island's civic and corporate programs. Just recently, she was the publicity force for the Local Census Office's 2010 movement. Kathryn Barry was also an active member of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Saipan and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We are also very grateful for all the work Kathryn has done for our community. She is very much a model for all community-oriented citizens. Professionally, she was a great asset to the companies that she was affiliated with," added Inos.

"While it is sad to see active community members leave the island, we extend our best wishes to Jim, Kathryn, and their children. We are gratified to have had them in our community over the past years and I commend them for making the most of their stay here," he said. (PR)



Jim Barry



Kathryn Barry

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

'Eco-tourism: Good for the CNMI?'

A talk on "Eco-tourism: Good for the CNMI?" will be presented by Stacey A. Tighe today, Aug. 11, at 6pm at the American Memorial Park auditorium. She will discuss costs and benefits of alternative options, and their compatibility, feasibility in the CNMI. Tighe holds degrees in marine policy, biology and geology, and currently serves as senior regional coordinator and program integrator for U.S. support to the six countries of the Coral Triangle Initiative (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Timor Leste, Papua

New Guinea and the Solomon Islands). (PR)

Second Saturday Strides this Saturday

The Commonwealth Cancer Association is holding its first Second Saturday Strides this Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010. Participants will meet at the Minatohom Atdao Pavilion (across the Ada Gym) at 5:30am and the walk will start at 6am, from the pavilion going toward the Quartermaster Road intersection and then back to the pavilion, for a distance of about 3 miles. Registration/donation is \$5. All proceeds go to support the Commonwealth Cancer

Association. (PR)

NMC Professional Development days this week

Northern Marianas College employees will be participating in professional development activities from 8am to 1pm on Aug. 10, 11, and 12. Various NMC offices will be closed at these times.

Scheduled placement tests will proceed as originally scheduled. Normal operations will resume in the afternoon beginning at 1pm on the dates noted. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding. For more information, log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

SVES sets parent orientation

This is to inform parents and guardians of students at San Vicente Elementary School that the parent orientation for school year 2010-2011 is on Friday, Sept. 3, 2010, from 9am to 12pm. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. The meeting will take place in the following classrooms:

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Triceratops: Beyond extinct

The revisionists have been busy lately, and it's all bad news. Pluto is not a planet. Al Gore is not a Boy Scout. Cough syrup doesn't work. And now there's no such thing as a Triceratops.

Researchers from Montana State University have determined that the beloved three-horned dinosaur wasn't really a distinct genus but the juvenile version of *Torosaurus*, long believed to be its larger cousin.

Though both dinosaurs sported three facial horns, the *Torosaurus* had a bigger "frill"—the bony shield atop its head—with two large holes in it. In more than 100 years of studying fossils, though, paleontologists had never found the remains of a young *Torosaurus*. Eureka! After close inspection, the Montana team concluded that the smaller specimens labeled *Triceratops* simply hadn't lived long enough to develop the big, holey frill that would identify them as *Torosaurus*.

That's a disturbing notion to generations of Trike lovers, whether their reference point is Uncle Beasley (hatched by a chicken in the 1956 kids' book "The Enormous Egg" and immortalized in fiberglass outside the Smithsonian) or Cera (the singing Three-Horn in the animated "Land Before Time" films) or Kota (Hasbro's interactive animatron dino, big enough for a toddler to mount). Baby *Torosaurus*es all, it turns out.

This isn't the first time the paleontologists have changed their story about an iconic dinosaur. Back in 1975, they announced that the *Brontosaurus* never existed, shaking our faith in the authenticity of "The Flintstones." *Brontosaurus* was actually an *Apatosaurus*, but confusion reigned because the first *Brontosaurus* assembled from fossilized remains somehow ended up with the wrong head. But anyway, the name *Apatosaurus* was published first, so it was bye-bye, *Brontosaurus*.

That same line of thinking may yet preserve the *Triceratops*, though we're prepared to offer a more modern argument for this Late Cretaceous dilemma. We're thinking, of course, about search engine optimization. You'll get a lot more hits on Google if you type in *Triceratops* instead of *Torosaurus*, and if you don't understand why that matters, you're, well, a dinosaur. So let's agree: A *Triceratops* isn't a baby *Torosaurus*—a *Torosaurus* is a grown-up *Triceratops*.

Triceratops is extinct. But *Torosaurus* never happened.

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No secret to improving intelligence

News flash: Government bureaucracy is inefficient and impenetrable.

You're not surprised? Me neither. The same can't be said for *The Washington Post*, apparently.

The paper recently concluded a two-year investigation of America's intelligence system. It "learned" that: 1) "The federal government's intelligence apparatus is too large, too expensive and too inefficient," and 2) "Nobody's in charge, since our country maintains dozens of bureaucracies and nobody oversees them all." Well. Please excuse a conservative for being underwhelmed.

Our intelligence bureaucracy is about as ineffective as any other facet of the federal government. That's why we need to make the system leaner and nimbler, less bureaucratic and more responsive to elected officials. A common thread throughout the *Post*'s series is that politicians became obsessed with intelligence gathering after 9/11. They began throwing money at the problem, creating new layers of bureaucracy.

This matters, because in a bigger organization vital information can get lost. For example, various segments of the intelligence community knew about Major Nidal Hasan before he opened fire at an Army base last November, and about Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the would-be "underwear bomber," before he boarded a plane for Detroit a month later. But that information didn't get where it needed to in time to prevent attacks. In many ways the entire *Post* series reads like one more mainstream media attack on the former presidential administration. The left has repeatedly criticized George W. Bush for supposedly being obsessed with intelligence gathering. And, of course, we on the right frequently took him to task for overspending, although he looks like an amateur compared to the profligate Obama administration. This series retreads that ground.

The problem is that federal bureaucrats seldom get fired for failing to do their jobs. Instead, policymakers create new bureaucracies alongside the existing ones. That increases the number of civil servants, and the cost of information gathering, but does nothing to fix the original problem.

Thus, CIA Director George Tenet wasn't fired after Sept. 11. Lawmakers created a new position, a Director of National Intelligence, to oversee the failed CIA.

Before the position was created, experts at The Heritage Foundation warned, "Saddling the (Director) with too many powers and responsibilities will create an enormous new bureaucracy and an-

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other unnecessary layer of management, overburden the director, and hamstring leaders in the intelligence agencies who are trying to command their own organizations and make them as efficient and effective as possible." Yet this is exactly what happened; a new bureaucracy merely grew alongside the existing one. Instead of solving problems, we duplicated them.

"The U.S. needs a streamlined and more efficient, flexible, and adaptable intelligence community that can do many things well," the 2004 Heritage report explained. "Any legislative solution should improve the exchange of information within the government and consolidate intelligence collection and analysis centers within the department in which they are most useful and relevant."

Yet as the *Post* report explains, there still isn't enough information sharing. In fact, as the number of bureaucracies has grown, it's probably become more difficult to exchange useful intel.

The federal government is managing to build new facilities.

"In Washington and the surrounding area, 33 building complexes for top-secret intelligence work are under construction or have been built since September 2001," the *Post* reports. "Together they occupy the equivalent of almost three Pentagons or 22 U.S. Capitol buildings—about 17 million square feet of space."

This seems like a waste of resources, considering all the commercial real estate available for rent these days. We should be finding ways to consolidate many of the 1,200 federal organizations that deal with intelligence to allow them to share information more easily instead of building permanent homes for an oversized bureaucracy.

Our leaders need to move quickly to implement real reforms.

After all, the *Post* has put a spotlight on American intelligence shortcomings, and our enemies were undoubtedly talking notes. We need to fix the problems, before they can exploit them.

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The power of acceptance

Step 3 in the creative process

In the previous two weeks' columns ["The Power of Clarity," *Saipan Tribune*, July 29, 2010; "The Power of Visualization," *Saipan Tribune*, Aug. 4, 2010], we spoke about the need to have clear and specific descriptions and images of your goals as the first step in bringing them into reality. We covered the need to visualize (or sensorize) your desired reality as often as possible. This now brings us to Step 3 in the 7-Step Creative process: Acceptance.

Of course, all the steps are critical. However, this step is made particularly important because it is often overlooked by those seeking to change their lives and achieve their dreams. Here's an exercise to show what I mean.

If you now have your goal clearly on paper, in your mind and sensorized, ask yourself the following question: "What would be the worst thing about having this goal?" or, said another way: "What will you dislike most about having made this choice, once your dream comes true?"

Voice the objections

In other words, every situation in life comes with good points and bad points. Think about all the undesirable things that might come along with this goal. For example, let's say you decided that you want to have a million dollars, and your list of "the bad" includes:

1. People will always be asking me to lend them money.
2. I won't know if women like me for me, or for my money.
3. I will become a target for jealousy, deception and attacks.

Or, as another example, let's say you want to lose weight to look more attractive, and your list of bad things includes:

1. People will think I'm shallow if I focus on my outer appearance
2. Men will only be attracted to my body, not my mind.
3. I will become a target for jealousy, deception and attacks.

Or, perhaps you want to start a business but you believe that it's difficult, that you're not smart enough, or that you will fail in a public and embarrassing way. Write down as many negatives that you can think of that you might encounter as a result of achieving this goal. The deeper you dig, the more your important fears will be revealed.

The exercise is meant to show that with any goal you aspire to, there are thoughts, beliefs, negative expectations and objections that are playing in our minds during every waking (and sleeping) moment. It is therefore necessary to first vocalize, recognize, and then transform those beliefs in order to be 100 percent committed to making your dreams come true. If you don't take this necessary step, and continue to have those opposing beliefs in your thoughts, you will find yourself sabotaging your own success.

Tinian, Thin Knee Anne

That's not really the name of my girl friend, though God knows, the Annes I know could use some thinning of the knees, among other body parts. "Thin knee Anne", or "teen nin", is how my Chinese acquaintances pronounce the name of Tinian island.

There seems to be difficulty among Sino friends pronouncing the island's name and I usually begin by letting them pronounce 'Tiān'ānmén' (tian'an - sky, men - door, or gate to heavenly peace) Square in Beijing. That's when we bog down. Evidently, many of our Chinese residents are not of the means to afford travel to the site of the Forbidden City, unless they are well-off Hans who are on tour. Given the four tones of *Putung Hua*, my pronunciation is at the same level as Ed Stephens' expertise.

I do not make it to Tinian very often, and it has now become a journey for special personal occasions, not the least of which is visiting a delightful curmudgeon (not Don Farrell) for, after you've marveled at Albert Yue's marble, and Tom Liu's orchards and pool at the Dynasty, what is left to see? There are hardly any users of the helipad on the lawn anymore, and I stay away from the one-armed bandits like it was a plague, so a Tinian trip is a head-trip and a soul-search, of reflection, meditation and contemplation.

Or attending a conference of interest. Such was the case last week when a Manhattan Project Symposium focused on the atomic bombs assembled in North Field of the island, the biggest U.S. Air Force base in the world 65 years ago. The stark and Spartan bomb assembly pits for the uranium-based Little Boy, and the plutonium-laced Fat Man, were spruced up. Talk now of creating the Manhattan Project heritage locations around the world could very well propel Tinian (coincidentally, Tinian is geographically the same size as Manhattan) into the national limelight beyond the limited interest on the endangered specie, the Tinian monarch *Monarcha takatsukasae*.

Perhaps, it is best that Tinian's North Field remains a repository of historical artifacts and subject/object of fanciful imagination (any-

I see this often in my own coaching practice. I notice that the closer some of my clients get to actually achieving the goals we set out to achieve, they start doing things to delay or derail the process. It's all occurring on a subconscious level, so they often don't recognize what they are doing. They make bad decisions, miss appointments, misplace files, start arguments, and even develop sickness in their bodies, making what they see as seemingly unrelated decisions that create chaos in their lives and have the ultimate effect of keeping them from their dreams.

Congruence

To put things in very blunt simplistic terms: you can't achieve wealth if there's a part of you that rejects society's stereotype of the achieving male, and thinks it's going to make your life difficult. You can't lose weight if a part of you rejects society's stereotype of the attractive woman, and chooses to eat fattening food as an act of rebellion.

The purpose of this step is to get you to think, speak and act in total consistency and congruence with your desired goal. The objective, therefore, is to reframe the limiting and negative beliefs and change them into positive beliefs that are consistent with what you want to create.

Reframing

Here are a few simple examples of how that reframing might be expressed:

■ "People will always ask me for money" can be reframed as: *My wealth will empower me to help those whom I choose, and I am also free of the guilt and demands put on me by others. Once I create my own wealth, I can choose to teach others who wish to learn, how to create theirs. This wealth will empower me, not obligate me to others.*

■ "I won't know if women like me for me, or for my money" can become: *I have many desirable qualities to offer in my relationships. I am confident that my true nature will attract those who are in alignment with those qualities, and that I will be able to recognize those who have similar qualities to complement mine and satisfy my own needs. Those who are simply out to get what they can will be obvious in their words and actions. My wealth is a part of who I am. The prosperous being I am in thought is reflected in my material prosperity. I cannot hide who I am. Attraction to my prosperity is indirectly an attraction to me.*

■ "People will think I'm shallow if I focus on my outer appearance" can become: *I am here to live, experience and grow spiritually, emotionally, as well as physically. I cannot deprive any of these areas of my life. I am a physical being too. The beautiful*

one for *Tales of the West Pacific*, anthology and/or motion picture?), as well as wildlife sanctuary, rather than becoming an active home station of armed winged personnel purportedly to defend us from the mostly hot air-filled Kim dynasty bombasts of *Chosun Koryo*. Of course, with Hillary's unladylike saber rattling recently in Vietnam to caution oil-and-gas starved China's claim to the fuel deposits in the Spratleys and the Parcels in the South, and the continental shelf of the East China and Yellow Seas, the Marianas' continued posting of uniformed armed personnel and military intelligence for a while is virtually assured.

Captive to the uncertain machinations of Uncle Sam's federal system, Tinian, for better or for worse, has been the recipient of entitlement legitimate and mercenary programs, as well as the butt of jokes for senseless political opportunism, i.e., many former and current "mayor's" projects for eternal community gratitude, or ridicule. We will not list those programs and projects due to limited space! The discerning can easily spot them when putt-putting around the 4-by-10 mile island.

Aguigan Island nearby, once *Tagaland* of old, Tokyo's sugarcane field, and a Japanese military garrison during WWII, is now known as Goat Island for its confined and seasonally hunted residents. For the lucky CNMI residents with a good boat, the island reportedly also hosts hordes of delicate and delicious coconut crabs whose price only a plastic card can comfortably ignore in the luxurious hotel tables on Saipan.

Chinese and Filipino, as well as other Pacific Islanders, have since joined the populace of San Jose village. Almost 70 percent of the island is on a 99-year lease with the feds, 30 percent are owned by locals of NMD bloodlines, with the real estate primarily leased for other people's use, while not-a-few title claimants have relocated elsewhere.

Here lies where Maria Anna or Li An Na could ignore a fat knee and heave a hoe to improve the Tinian economy. The lush vegetative terrain can raise all kinds of vegetables, and some

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Creating economic success for the CNMI

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being that I am is reflected externally as well as internally. I cannot hide who I am.

■ "Men will only be attracted to my body, not my mind" can be reframed as: *Attraction is a natural part of being human. Even men who have more to offer my mind are attracted to beauty. This can only serve to increase my choices, and give me more options to decide with whom to spend my time and share my self.*

■ "I don't know how to run a business" can be reframed as: *If others can do it, I can do it too. I am open to receiving the wisdom, best strategies and even the people with the necessary talents and expertise to help me achieve my goals.*

Create your own reframe

I hope you get the idea. These are very simplistic, blunt examples of how an acceptance reframe might be done, intended—in some cases—to address those thoughts that we often keep out of polite conversation.* Some of your own internal objections and limiting self-concepts might be from ideas and beliefs instilled in you by parents, society, life experience, church, or friends, and how you choose to reframe those objections and limiting beliefs is unique to you. However, once you develop the necessary reframes that give you the green light to pursue your goals on whatever levels they are blocking you, and make them part of your self-talk, you will be surprised how quickly your dreams start to manifest!

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Next: Step 4 in the Creative Process

Inspired by Paul Scheele

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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leeward locations might even tolerate that honey queen and cesspool of fruits, the Lu Lian/Durian, which costs me \$4/per pound at Joeten Susupe when they manage to barge a year-old inventory frozen in Oakland!

Not to mention raising herbs, fruits and vegetables (e.g., chalan-tia/ampalaya/amargozo for diabetes and cancer) that can be dried, vacuum-sealed and air-packed to our neighboring urban centers. That's if we ever transcend our suicidal tendencies to denigrate our heritage, or homicidally lash at those not of native (in 1976) Austro-Polynesian descent whose agricultural and technological skills might be a little ahead of ours. In either case, working on our possibilities rather than lamenting our limits, and ignoring Uncle Sam's carrots just because it is there, might be a better way to go.






We left Tinian on the five-minute flyover on Freedom Air, just after it was announced that the island's two gas stations suspended sale of gasoline, the catamaran ferry boat already reached Singapore ostensibly for repairs but suspected to never be seen in these parts again, Dynasty's owner disposing HK properties just to remain financially solvent, and CUC's frequent brownouts that we since learned to ignore and live with.

"The flametree in Saipan is greeting the sun; the rainbow in Tinian stands tall ..." I hum the old song we used to sing at SVES. I remain a *xiao pang zi lao ye ye* (pleasantly plump grandpa) who might just return to visit similar age-old friends on Tinian.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 87° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86 ▼ 79
Palau	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 78
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 83 ▼ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 86 ▼ 78

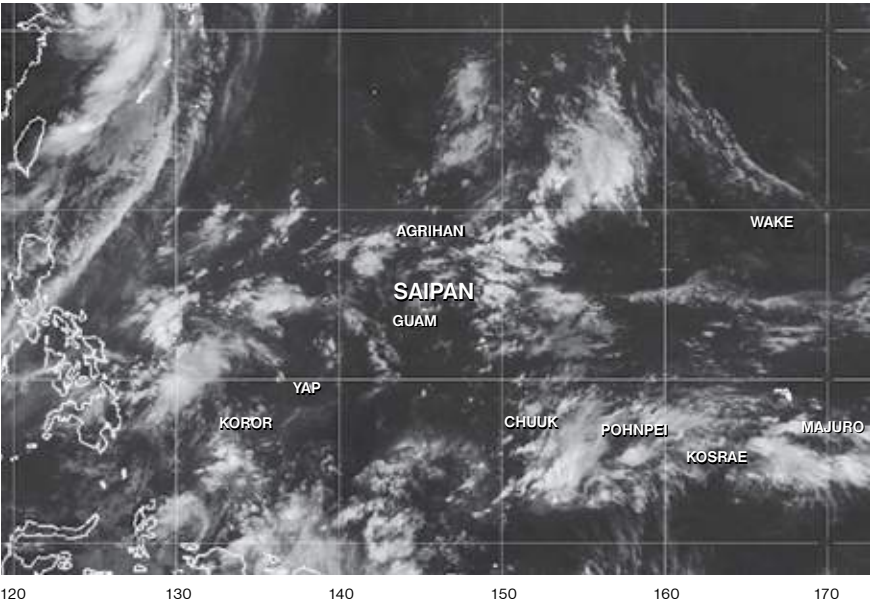
Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 57 ▼ 46
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 74
London	Sunny	▲ 74 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 80
Melbourne	Rain	▲ 53 ▼ 49
Miami	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 79
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 93 ▼ 75
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 83
Paris	Showers	▲ 72 ▼ 56
Pusan	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Rome	Sunny	▲ 90 ▼ 70
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 78 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 50
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 80
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 98 ▼ 79

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
2:18 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet	
7:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.2 Feet	
2:39 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet	
9:11 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A circulation is centered west of Minami Tori Shima at 25N149E. Winds converging near and east of the center are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 20N and 25N from 153E to 158E. A surface trough curves southwestward from this circulation to a weak circulation centered southwest of Koror near 6N130E then continues southeastward to end at EQ135E. Widely scattered showers are found north of Guam and around Saipan between 14N and 20N from 134E to 154E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found northwest of Koror between 8N and 12N from 130E to 133E within 60 miles of a line from 8N133E to 4N134E and south of Koror and Yap between the equator and 3N from 130E to 144E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers just east of Chuuk over Pohnpei just south of Kwajalein and Majuro between 3N and 8N from 152E to beyond 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:49 AM	7:30 PM
Thursday	7:50 AM	8:16 PM
Friday	8:50 AM	9:00 PM
Saturday	9:49 AM	9:46 PM
Sunday	10:48 AM	10:33 PM

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C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am +1	4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM				

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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
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FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
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NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Island Snapshots



GRAND FINALE

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales joins parents, guests and students of the Chamorro and Refaluwasch cultural dance lessons during the students' grand finale performance at the library on Saturday afternoon.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



CULTURAL DANCERS

Sisters Kawai, Trisha, and Elicia Ramangmou pose for Saipan Tribune after their presentation during the 2010 Summer Reading & Cultural Fair grand finale on Aug. 7 at the Children's Center of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. At 3, Trisha, in the middle, is the youngest student who performed during the program.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



YOUNG BEAD MAKER

Nine-year-old Juannie Ada Tenorio is surrounded by family and friends as she holds the bead accessories she made for the 2010 Summer Reading & Cultural Fair program of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. Also in photo are retired librarian Emy S. Ada, one of the pioneer librarians on Saipan, and Janet Maratita of the CNMI Diabetes Prevention and Control Program.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Belated happy birthday to Jessarah Barcinas and wishing more blessings for you. Greetings from your Bazalinan family.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Jessarah Vinalin Rose. Much blessing and prosperity in the years to come. We love you!



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Happy birthday to LeiAna Kaipat Ogumoro who is celebrating her special day today Aug. 11, 2010! Wishing you every happiness that this special day brings! May all your wishes come true. Happy birthday! Greetings come from your friends and family.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 11th birthday greetings go out to Silina Indalecio! We love you. Greetings come from Ate Jha and Kuya Ed.



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Happy 76th birthday to our loving mother, Chong Torres. May your day be blessed with many blessings and we are so blessed to have you in our lives. We love you so much, from your children and families.



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Belated happy birthday to Grandpa Jose R. Santos, who celebrated his special day yesterday, Aug. 10, 2010! We hope you enjoyed your day and may you have many more wonderful birthdays to celebrate. Love you always, Loutricia.

SHIPPING SCHEDULE



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Mr. Masahiro Watanabe, President of Rota Island Casino, and was conducted for two (2) days, August 10 and 11.

This was a way to show the people of Rota that the casino is a safe and secure place once the casino is open.

OFFICIAL Grand Opening October

Once all the requirements are completed, an official Grand Opening will be held.



Rota Treasure



Treasure Island Casino hosted a "Test Run" last 8 & 9, 2010 and kicked off at 8:00 p.m.

People of Rota on what to expect when it opens for business.

Official Opening October 10, 2010

from the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.
It will be held on October 10, 2010.



Treasure Island Casino



Business

Promos aplenty with classes about to start

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

With the summer vacation just about to end for most students, it's that time of the year once again when parents begin to prepare for the school shopping season.

Amid hard economic times, the back-to-school season remains to be one of the busiest shopping seasons in a year.

Families scour for the best deals in town for the kids' school supplies and materials that would fit into the tight household budget.

Parents need not worry about pricey school stuff as the leading providers of school and office supplies on island have kicked off their annual back to school promotions that make school shopping easy on the pocket.

The National Office Supply along Beach Road and the Modern Stationery, with its two branches in Oleai and in Gapan, have started the ball rolling for students heading back to their respective schools.

National Office Supply

Clients can take advantage of National Office Supply's Super



Hong Mei Qian goes shopping for school supplies with son Stalin Piao, 7, of Eucon International School, at the San Jose-Oleai location of Modern Stationery. Some private schools have begun classes as early as this week while public schools are scheduled to open the school year by Sept. 7.

Back-to-School Sale and avail of the 30-percent discount on all regular priced items.

Sales supervisor Alice Legaspi told *Saipan Tribune* that they began their annual back to school sale last August 5 to accommodate private school students some of whom have resumed classes and public school students who will recommence another school year next month.

Legaspi said they offer additional 10-percent discount on school bags, lunch kits, calcula-

tors, and flash drives.

Item that have orange tags are already on sale price, she added.

The Super Back-to-School Sale will run until Sept. 26.

According to Legaspi, they try to accommodate requests for additional price cut from regular customers of National Office Supply.

With the skyrocketing shipping charges and fuel costs, Legaspi said they try to absorb some of these expenses to continue providing quality and af-

fordable items for the public.

"We want them to remember that National Office Supply treats them special," she added.

Herself a mother of three, Legaspi said she understands how it feels like to worry about school expenses for children. "We need to bear with the parents," she added.

Legaspi expressed appreciation to their loyal clientele for their continued patronage and encouraged everyone to purchase their school and office needs from

National Office Supply.

Modern Stationery

With the back-to-school season officially underway, Modern Stationery brings to the community their annual Back-2-School promotion which was launched last July 23.

The promo runs until Sept. 19 to accommodate students from both public and private learning institutions.

This year, the Back-2-School promo features a 30-percent markdown on all their regular-priced school supplies.

Customers are given added bonus as they can enjoy an extra 10-percent reduced rate on calculators, lunch bags, English dictionaries, and all school bags, including the well-known

line of bags from JanSport.

Modern Stationery also has a special promo rate for diskettes and flash drives—2GB, 4GB, and 8GB sizes—which ranges from \$15 and up.

Saipan's education professionals can also avail of discounts on some teaching supplies.

For over 30 years, Modern Stationery has continuously offered local residents on Saipan this back to school campaign.

The management of Modern Stationery takes pride in having the lowest prices of school and office supplies on the island.

Back to School shopping has never been so easy. So parents and students, welcome another school year by heading down to your favorite stores and load up on marked down school supplies.

Hurd reaps HP payday as investors suffer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Whatever Mark Hurd did that cost him his job as CEO of Hewlett-Packard, the world's largest technology company, it wasn't enough to cost him a payday that could top \$40 million.

Meanwhile, with little still known about why an actress and HP contractor threatened Hurd with a sexual-harassment lawsuit, stockholders took a \$9 billion hit Monday, and HP's 300,000 workers were left to wonder about its future.

HP insisted that the problems it uncovered with the CEO's behavior were limited to falsified expense reports for his dinners and other meetings with Jodie Fisher, who helped

organize HP events from 2007 to 2009 and greeted executives at the gatherings.

Hurd has settled with Fisher for an undisclosed sum, and

both parties have said the relationship was not sexual. Hurd said an assistant prepared all of his expenses. He has offered to reimburse HP for the errors.

The company has offered no further details and says it is focused on finding a successor.

Hurd gets \$12.2 million in severance, plus stock and options that could bring the total value of the package to more than \$40 million, based on calculations by The Associated Press using HP's stock price Friday, before HP disclosed the resignation.



Hurd

Gulf relief well crews watch for tropical weather

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Crews finishing work meant to forever stop oil from leaking from a blown-out undersea well into the Gulf may have one more hurdle to overcome: the weather.

The National Hurricane Center is watching a cluster of

thunderstorms in the far eastern Gulf of Mexico that forecasters say may pass near the oil spill site, just as BP's drills the final 100 feet of a relief well that it hopes—if the weather holds up—will intersect with the broken one as early as Friday.

The system could blow into a tropical storm, but forecasters don't think it'll turn into a hurricane, and BP hasn't made plans to suspend drilling.

"We are keeping a very close eye on the weather and will adjust if necessary," BP spokes-

man John Curry said Monday.

Finishing the new well and sealing the broken one with mud and cement should be the final act of the three-month oil spill drama that has upended the lives of fishermen and others along the Gulf Coast.



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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HEARING

Wednesday, August 11, 2010, First Notice
Wednesday, August 18, 2010, Second Notice

The Employee and Employer is hereby notified to report to the Department of Labor, Administrative Hearing Office, 2nd Floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan for a hearing to address the matter of the complaint. This notice will serve as a "Proof of Service of this Notice of Hearing". For information, please call 236-0900/ ext. 293.

Employee	Employer	Case Number	Date/Time
Ramirez, Rosemarie	L & F Inc. dba: Fishing Tackle	CAC # 10-412-06	08/24/2010 @ 9:00AM
Jocelyn S. Pangan	E.W.G.E. CORP	CAC # 10-431-07	08/24/2010 @10:00AM

Failure to appear on the scheduled date may result in an Administrative Order being entered against you.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Frank Aguon
Enforcement

BUSINESS BRIEFS

News Corp. sells stakes in China TV businesses

BEIJING (AP)—Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. is selling a controlling stake in three of its TV businesses in China to a government investment fund as the media conglomerate scales down its ambitions in a market where foreign investors have struggled to succeed. The fund, China Media Capital, will become a partner in TV channels Xing Kong, Xing Kong International and Channel (V) Mainland China and the Fortune Star Chinese movie library, the two companies announced Monday. No financial details were released. The sale marks a change in strategy for News Corp. in China's heavily regulated media market, where the communist government limits foreign ownership. Other media companies also have launched partnerships with Chinese entities to gain a

bigger foothold.

Oil falls to near \$81 ahead of Fed meeting

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices fell to near \$81 a barrel Tuesday in Asia as investors looked to a Federal Reserve meeting for possible policy changes to boost U.S. economic growth. Benchmark crude for September delivery was down 33 cents at \$81.15 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 78 cents to settle at \$81.48 on Monday. Oil jumped out of the \$70s to a three-month high last week and has held above \$80 despite a weak U.S. July employment report released Friday. Traders are speculating the Fed may announce later Tuesday new stimulus measures to keep the economy from slipping back into recession.

Nation

Escaped killer caught in Wyo., says he's relieved

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)—An escaped killer with a handgun and a hitchhiking sign expressed relief at his capture on Monday after 10 days on the run, while authorities searched to the north of this tourist-packed park for a second fugitive and his female accomplice, a self-styled “Bonnie and Clyde.”

Tracy Province, 42, was caught as he walked in sleepy Meeteetse, Wyo., steps from a church where he sat in the pews a day earlier and sang “Your Grace Is Enough.”

The search for inmate John Mc-

Cluskey, 45, and Casslyn Welch, 44, focused for a time on sprawling Yellowstone National Park, which straddles Wyoming and Montana. But authorities now believe the two fled the park with agents following leads in Montana.

“They consider themselves as Bonnie and Clyde,” U.S. Marshal David Gonzales said at a news conference in Phoenix. “This is very, very serious business.”

Province, McCluskey and Daniel Renwick escaped from a private, medium-security Arizona State

Prison near Kingman on July 30 after authorities say Welch threw wire cutters over the perimeter fence. Welch is McCluskey’s fiancée and cousin. Renwick, who turns 37 on Tuesday, was captured in Colorado.

Efforts to find the remaining three intensified after they were linked to a double homicide in New Mexico, with the case airing Saturday on “America’s Most Wanted.”

On Sunday, Province walked into Meeteetse Community Church, about 60 miles outside of Yellowstone, wearing blue jeans, a blue

checkered flannel shirt, and a camouflage backpack slung over one shoulder, worshipper Jay Curtis said. Province looked like the many hitchhikers who pass through town.

“Just shook his hand and said ‘Welcome, welcome to our church,’” said Curtis, a member of the church band. “He just smiled and said: ‘Thank you.’”

Province closed his eyes and sang along with the band and seemed particularly engrossed when the band played “Your Grace is Enough” by Chris Tomlin, Curtis said.

Fingerprint sharing led to deportation of 47,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—Records show that about 47,000 people have been removed or deported from the U.S. after the Homeland Security Department sifted through 3 million sets of fingerprints taken from bookings at local jails.

About one-quarter of those kicked out of the country did not have criminal records, according to government data obtained by immigration advocacy groups that have filed a lawsuit. The groups plan to release the data Tuesday and provided early copies to The Associated Press.

As issue is a fingerprint-sharing program known as Secure Communities that the government says is focused on getting rid of the “worst of the worst” criminal immigrants from the U.S.

Immigration advocates say that

the government instead spends too much time on lower-level criminals or non-criminals.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement divides crimes into three categories, with Level 1 being the most serious. Most of those deported committed Level 2 or 3 crimes or were non-criminals, a monthly report of Secure Communities statistics shows.

“ICE has pulled a bait and switch, with local law enforcement spending more time and resources facilitating the deportations of bus boys and gardeners than murderers and rapists and at considerable cost to local community policing strategies, making us all less safe,” said Peter Markowitz, director of the Immigration Justice Clinic at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York.



ACROSS THE NATION

JetBlue flight attendant arrested after NYC ruckus

NEW YORK (AP)—A JetBlue flight attendant got into an argument with a passenger on a jetliner arriving at John F. Kennedy International Airport on Monday, cursed the passenger, grabbed a beer from the galley and then deployed an emergency exit slide and fled the plane, authorities said. Flight attendant Steven Slater was arrested at his nearby home in the Belle Harbor section of Queens by Port Authority of New York And New Jersey police on charges of criminal mischief, reckless endangerment and trespassing. Slater, 39, remained in custody Monday night. His attorney’s name wasn’t immediately available, and there was no home telephone number listed for him. A woman who answered a phone at a previous residence listed for Slater in Thousand Oaks, Calif., identified herself as his mother but said she wasn’t speaking to the press.

Stealth expert guilty of selling secrets to China

HONOLULU (AP)—A former B-2 bomber engineer who marketed and sold his stealth expertise to China is facing life in a federal prison following his conviction for bartering U.S. military secrets. Noshir Gowadia, 66, was found guilty Monday on charges that he designed a cruise missile component for China and pocketed at least \$110,000, which he allegedly used to help pay a \$15,000-a-month mortgage on a multimillion-dollar oceanview home he built on Maui’s north shore. Prosecutors said Gowadia revealed classified information to foreign powers at least twice: during a PowerPoint presentation on his cruise missile technology, and when he showed the technology’s effectiveness by comparing it to American air-to-air missiles.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW10-IFB-016

REMOVAL OF RAISED MEDIAN

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Proposed Removal of Raised Median, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package will be available on or after August 11, 2010 at DPW Technical Services Division 1353 Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001. Preference is available to US Citizen as per Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118. Prospective bidders claiming for US Citizen preference are required to submit P&S Form 100 (Revised 12/20/07) with their sealed bids.

A Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for August 30, 2010, 9:00 a.m. local time at the project site located at Tanapag in front of H-Mart Store.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder’s responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked “DPW10-IFB-016”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 14, 2010. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, September 14, 2010 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 14, 2010, and must be received no later than September 23, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, September 28, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on September 17, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **A surety company shall hold the Certificate of Authority (COA) from the U.S. Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General and must accompany the bid.** Bid security may be a Certified Check, Cashier’s Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Performance time for completion of this project is Thirty (30) Working days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per calendar day for delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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Asia

Man trapped for 50 hours after landslides in China



Residents walk past a street covered by mud after the mudslide-hit town of Zhouqu in Gannan prefecture of northwestern China's Gansu province on Monday, Aug. 9, 2010. AP

ZHOUQU, China (AP)—Rescuers digging by hand through mud in a remote Chinese town Tuesday found a man who had been trapped for more than 50 hours, as crews in three countries across Asia struggled to reach survivors from flooding that has afflicted millions of people.

The 52-year-old had been stuck inside a leveled apartment building following landslides in the northwestern province of Gansu that have killed hundreds and left more

than 1,100 missing, according to the official Xinhua News Agency. Rescuers with sniffer dogs discovered the man, who was in weak condition but breathing normally.

In Pakistan, thousands of people fled a major central city as authorities warned that swollen rivers could soon submerge the area, adding to the worst natural disaster in the nation's history.

And rescuers in the desert mountainsides in Indian-controlled Kashmir recovered more

bodies, with the death toll rising to 165 from flash floods. Thousands of army and paramilitary soldiers continued clearing roads and removing the debris of hundreds of homes flattened in the Ladakh region by Friday's powerful thunderstorms.

About 200 remained missing around Ladakh, said Lt. Col. J. S. Brar, an army spokesman. With the road links being restored, nearly 300 people who fled to higher ground have returned to their homes, he said.

Japan apologizes to SKorea for colonial rule

TOKYO (AP)—Prime Minister Naoto Kan apologized Tuesday to South Korea for Japanese colonial rule as part of an effort to strengthen ties between the two countries ahead of the 100th anniversary of Japanese aggression against Korea.

During Japan's occupation of the Korean peninsula from 1910-45, many Koreans were forced to fight as front-line sol-

diers, work in slave-labor conditions, or serve as prostitutes in brothels operated by the military. The issue of Japanese wartime aggression against its Asian neighbors is still a sensitive one more than half a century later.

"For the enormous damage and suffering caused by this colonization, I would like to express once again our deep remorse and sincerely apolo-

gize," Kan said in a statement approved by the Cabinet.

The statement apologized specifically to Koreans, in contrast to earlier apologies by Japan for wartime actions made broadly to the country's Asian neighbors.

Seoul accepted the apology, although President Lee Myung-bak does not plan an official response, said presidential spokesman Cho Hyun-jin.

recently captured in the jungles of northwestern Myanmar and transported Monday by boat and truck to Naypyitaw, where it was given the name Bhaddavati, or "One Who is Endowed With Goodness," in a formal naming ceremony, the Myanmar Ahlin newspaper reported. Top military leaders greeted the 7-foot, 4-inch (2.2-meter) elephant when it arrived in Naypyitaw and sprinkled the beast with scented water during a ceremony at the Uppatasanti Pagoda, a replica of the famed Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the former capital and biggest city in Myanmar.

Small tsunami generated after Vanuatu earthquake

SYDNEY (AP)—Panicked residents of Vanuatu raced for higher ground after a powerful earthquake rattled the South Pacific island nation and generated a small tsunami on Tuesday. The 9-inch (22 centimeter) wave was observed off the capital Port Vila, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said. Police said there were no immediate reports of major damage or injuries from the wave or the 7.5 magnitude quake that preceded it, though buildings shook and power lines were down. "It was quite a significant earthquake, and we're still having a few aftershocks," Ben McKenzie of the New Zealand High Commission told The Associated Press by phone from Port Vila.

World

Israel threatening to quit UN probe into flotilla

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel threatened Monday to pull out of a U.N. inquiry into a deadly raid on a Turkish flotilla heading for Gaza, after the U.N. chief said there is no agreement that the panel would refrain from calling Israeli soldiers to testify.

Last week Israel agreed to participate in the U.N. probe into the May 31 raid, when nine pro-Palestinian activists were killed after Israeli naval commandos boarded a Turkish vessel aiming to break Israel's sea blockade of Gaza.

The surprise development came just hours after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu testified before his

country's own inquiry into the raid. He charged that Turkey had an interest in the violent confrontation, refusing to exert its influence to stop the flotilla. A Turkish official rejected that as "ridiculous."

Israeli officials said the agreement to take part in the U.N. probe was conditional on the panel relying on reports from Israel's own military inquiry, not testimony from soldiers.

But at a Monday news conference at U.N. headquarters, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was asked whether he had agreed not to summon Israeli soldiers before the panel.

"No, there was no such

agreement behind the scenes," Ban said, adding that the panel is supposed to work with the Israeli and Turkish inquiries. "And whatever is needed beyond that, they will have to discuss among themselves, in close coordination with the national government authorities, that they can take their own future steps," he said.

In response, the Israeli Prime Minister's office issued a harsh statement. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu makes it absolutely clear that Israel will not cooperate with and will not take part in any panel that seeks to interrogate Israeli soldiers," it said.

Trial to begin for Guantanamo's youngest prisoner

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)—Eight years after his capture as a teenager on an Afghan battlefield, a long-delayed trial is beginning Tuesday for Guantanamo's youngest detainee.

A U.S. military judge ruled Monday that purported confessions by Canadian detainee Omar Khadr can be used against him, dismissing arguments they were tainted by mistreatment and dashing the defense's last

hope for derailing the trial in the slaying of an American soldier.

His age—Khadr was only 15 when he was captured in 2002—has exposed the administration of President Barack Obama to criticism from child advocates. The prosecution will receive added scrutiny as this is the first trial under the embattled war-crimes tribunals inherited from the Bush administration.

Jury selection from a pool of U.S. military officers begins

Tuesday and opening arguments are planned for Wednesday in a trial expected to last roughly three weeks.

While military prosecutors describe Khadr as a clear-eyed al-Qaida fighter, defense lawyers say Khadr was himself a victim, forced into war by a family with close ties to Osama bin Laden. His father, Ahmed Said Khadr, was an Egyptian-born Canadian citizen and alleged terrorist financier.

IAEA: Iran activates enrichment equipment

VIENNA (AP)—Iran has activated equipment to enrich uranium more efficiently in a move that defies the U.N. Security Council, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Monday.

The Vienna-based nuclear watchdog said Iran has started using a second set of 164 centrifuges linked in a cascade, or string of machines, to enrich uranium to up to 20 percent at its Natanz pilot fuel enrich-

ment plant. Another cascade there has been producing uranium enriched to near 20 percent since February.

If enriched to around 95 percent, uranium can be used in building a nuclear bomb. At 20 percent, it can be turned into weapons-grade material much more quickly than less-enriched uranium.

Tehran denies it has such aims and says its nuclear activities are for peaceful purposes only. But some in the international com-

munity—the United States and its allies—aren't convinced.

IAEA spokeswoman Gill Tudor said that when agency inspectors visited the facility on July 17, "Iran was feeding nuclear material to the two interconnected 164-machine centrifuge cascades."

This, she added, was "contrary to U.N. Security Council resolutions affirming that Iran should suspend all enrichment related activities."

ASIAN BRIEFS

SKorea warns NKorea after artillery barrage

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea denounced a barrage of artillery fired by North Korea into the sea as a grave provocation Tuesday and warned that it would deal sternly with any further such acts. North Korea fired about 110 rounds Monday near its disputed western sea border with South Korea, shortly after Seoul ended five-day naval drills staged in response to the March sinking of its Cheonan warship. North Korea has been blamed for the vessel's destruction, which killed 46 sailors. The North denies it torpedoed the Cheonan and has warned any punishment would trigger war. Most of the shells in Monday's barrage landed in the North's waters, but about 10 struck near a South Korean island causing no damage, the Joint Chiefs of Staff said. It previously stated all artillery rounds landed in North Korean waters.

Myanmar junta celebrates rare white elephant

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's ruling junta threw a lavish welcome ceremony for a rare white elephant, a traditional symbol of power and prosperity, which was transported from the jungle to the country's remote capital, state media reported Tuesday. The 38-year-old female elephant was

WORLD BRIEFS

Guinea election set for September

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—A government spokesman announced that the second round of Guinea's presidential election will be held on Sept. 19. The presidential decree read out on state TV by presidential spokesman Mohamed Kasse ends weeks of speculation and political wrangling following the June 27 first round of the presidential vote. The top candidate Cellou Dalein Diallo got 44 percent of the vote, shy of the majority needed to avoid a runoff. The election results needed to be confirmed by the courts, but once they were confirmed in July, candidates accused the transitional government of dragging its feet and not announcing the date of the second round in a vain attempt to hold onto power.

Lawmakers demand Lockerbie bomber medical files

LONDON (AP)—Scottish lawmakers have demanded the country's government release full details of the medical advice that led to the release from jail of the Lockerbie bomber almost a year ago. Opposition Labour Party legislators called for the prognosis made of Abdel Baset al-Megrahi's health before he was freed on compassionate grounds—and the names of the doctors who made

the assessment—to be made public. The contentious decision to release al-Megrahi from a Scottish prison has stirred anger in the United States, and prompted U.S. senators to begin an investigation into the circumstances behind the decision.

Briton first known man to walk Amazon River

MARAPANIM, Brazil (AP)—He fought tropical disease and deadly snakes, was held captive at one point and collapsed just short of his goal. Still, Ed Stafford ended his 2 1/2-year journey Monday as he planned—leaping into the sea as the first man known to walk the length of the Amazon River. "I've been told I was going to be killed so many times," the 34-year-old former British army captain told The Associated Press. "But I'm not dead. I'm here now and ... I've proved that if you want something enough, you can do anything!" Stafford had collapsed at the side of the road early Sunday, just 53 miles (85 kilometers) short of his destination. He was back on his feet after a few hours of rest, however, and looked like he had all the energy in the world as he ran into the Atlantic Ocean at Crispim beach Monday morning in northern Brazil—popping champagne and spraying Peruvian forestry worker Gadiel "Cho" Sanchez Rivera, his expedition partner.

Campus Life

Those interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend the Northern Marianas College's free information session today, Aug. 11, 2010, at Room D-1 at the college's As Terlaje campus, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Faculty, staff, and students from the different degree and certificate programs, as well as counseling, financial aid, and admissions staff will be on hand to answer questions. Other current students will also be speaking about their experiences at NMC.

Individuals who attend the free information session will qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for fall 2010. This represents a savings of about \$75. Registration for the fall 2010 semester will begin on Monday, Aug. 16, 2010 and will continue until Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010.

NMC to host free info session today

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including bachelor of science degrees in elementary edu-

cation, associate degrees in business, business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice,

and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

The free information session is open to everyone, including

graduating seniors and their parents, government and private sector employees, international students, and members of the general public who are interested in learning more about the programs at NMC. (NMC)



BACK TO SCHOOL SALE

Customers of National Office Supply walk under their Super Back-to-School Sale sign Monday afternoon. Preparations for the school shopping season have begun as summer vacation on Saipan comes to an end.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Coral Reef Task Force launches essay, photo contests

Students in the CNMI are being invited to a chance to win cash prizes in an essay writing competition and a photo competition sponsored by the 2010 Coral Reef Task Force. The photo competition will have a separate category that is open to the public.

Both competitions are open to students in 9th to 12th grade who are enrolled in a school in the CNMI, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, or the Marshall Islands. Other members of the public may join the photo contest's public category.

First place winners in either contest will win a prize of \$200, while second place will win \$100 and third prize, 75. The same prizes are being offered for members of the public who join the photo contest.

Essay contest rules

■ The essay writing contest is open to any 9th-12th grade student. A student is defined as someone who currently attending school during the 2010/2011 school year.

■ Contest topic is: What traditions do your family or community teach that help protect the ocean, reefs and other ocean animals?

■ Entry must include a typed essay of 1,000-1,500 words, and a cover sheet including the student's name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and date of birth. High school students include school and grade. Entries must be in English but may also be submitted in the student's native language.

■ Entries that use information academic sources must cite their sources. Any academically acceptable referencing style may be used.

■ Entries will be judged on originality, expression of ideas, presentation, and understanding of traditional practices and culture.

■ Entries must be submitted online at www.guamenvironmentaleducation.com or by mail to: Guam Coastal Management Program 3rd floor, GCIC Building Hagatna, GU 96932

■ Entries may only be submitted once and there can only be one entry per student. More than one entry from a student will not be accepted.

■ The deadline to submit entries is 5pm (Chamorro Standard Time) on Aug. 31, 2010.

Student and public photo contest rules

■ Photo topic: What traditions do your family or community teach that help protect the ocean, reefs and other ocean animals? Photos should display some aspect of how many communities in Micronesia do things every day to protect the

ocean, the coral reef and sea animals.

■ The student contest is open to any 9th-12th grade student enrolled in a school in the CNMI, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau or the Marshall Islands.

■ The general public contest is open to any resident of the CNMI, Guam, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau or the Marshall Islands. A resident is defined as someone currently living in these areas.

■ Each photograph is a single entry. A printed piece with several photographs must have a dot or some other mark indicating which specific single photograph is to be judged. If a single photograph isn't indicated, the entry will be disqualified.

■ Campaigns or series are limited to five photographs but will be judged as one photograph. If the entry has more than five photographs, indicate which five are to be judged. If this isn't indicated, the entry will be disqualified.

■ Photos must be submitted with cover sheet including a title, a brief description of the photo, the participants name, mailing address, phone number, email address, and date of birth. High school students include school and grade. Entries must be in English but may also be submitted in the student's native language.

Entries can be submitted in the following formats:

■ Unmounted printed photographs. Do not send any pieces of art you want returned. No entries will be returned. No exceptions

■ Digital files: RGB (not CMYK) JPG format with a maximum width of 1024 pixels and a maximum height of 768 pixels (72dpi).

■ Send entries, unmounted, in flat packages only, no mailing tubes (they frequently arrive damaged) to:

Guam Coastal Management Program
3rd floor, GCIC Building
Hagatna, GU 96932

■ Entries can be submitted online at www.guamenvironmentaleducation.com.

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All entries become of the property of the Guam Coastal Management Program. In addition to receiving cash prizes, winners may have their essays published.

■ The deadline is 5pm (Chamorro standard time) on Aug. 31, 2010.

NMC fall registration begins next week

Those interested in enrolling in the Northern Marianas College's fall 2010 semester can register for classes beginning next week Monday, Aug. 16, 2010. Registration will continue through Aug. 21, 2010.

New students are required to take the English and Math placement tests before they register. After taking the placement tests, students can obtain the required slip from the English and Math departments and meet with their academic advisers. NMC academic advisers will help new students fill in registration forms and create class schedules. Students can then finish the registration process in NMC's Room D-1.

Application for admissions will still be accepted until the last day of registration on Saturday, Aug. 21, 2010, provided that both placement tests have been taken.

Fall 2010 Semester Important Dates

■ Aug. 13: Early Registration for SOE seniors & students graduating in spring 2011 only (9am – 6pm)

■ Aug. 16-20: Fall Regular registration for all students (9am – 6pm)

■ Aug. 20: Student orientation for new students at 9am – 3:30pm in the NMC Library (Building O)

■ Aug. 21: Late registration (9am – 12pm)

■ Aug. 23: First day of fall classes

■ Aug. 23: Student orientation for international and evening students at 5pm – 8pm in the NMC Library (Building O)

Placement Test Dates

English Placement Test Schedule

■ Aug. 11: 1pm - 4pm (D-1)

■ Aug. 12: 1pm - 4pm (D-1)
■ Aug. 12: 5pm - 8pm (D-1)
■ Aug. 18: 9am - 12pm (A-6/A-7)

Math Placement Test Schedule

■ Aug. 12: 10am - 12pm (A-5)
■ Aug. 12: 5pm - 7pm (A-5)
■ Aug. 19: 10am - 12pm (A-5)
■ Aug. 19: 5pm - 7pm (A-5)
■ Aug. 20: 10am - 12pm (A-5)

Ongoing students must clear any outstanding balances at the Finance Office, the Library, or the Curriculum Resource Center before they can register for classes. To find out if any balances exist, students can visit the Office of Admissions and Records.

For additional information or inquiries, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 ext. 1528, or log on to www.nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

JESUS C. DELA CRUZ

We the children and family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved father unto eternal life.

Daily Mass has started on August 6, 2010 and is being offered every evening at 6:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church in Koblerville.

On the last day Saturday, August 14, 2010 Mass will be offered at 7:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately after.

Your presence, thoughts, prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You, SiYu'us Ma'ase, Ghillisow

Children & Family

'Twilight,' 'Vampire Diaries' dominate Teen Choice

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. (AP)—Maybe they should switch the name to the Vampire Choice Awards?

Bloodsuckers struck another vein at the Teen Choice Awards with "The Twilight Saga" ruling Sunday's ceremony with 12 wins, including choice fantasy movie and villain, while "The Vampire Diaries" sucked up seven surfboard-shaped trophies at the taped ceremony, which is scheduled to air Monday at 8 p.m. EDT on Fox.

"This is what this night is all about," said a gothed-out Katy Perry. "Vampires."

The goofy "California Gurls" singer hosted the show with the male stars of "Glee." Besides going goth, her costume changes included donning hippie garb next to Kevin McHale, being crowned prom queen with prom king Chris Colfer, geeking out with Mark Salling and landing a split as a cheerleader alongside Cory Monteith.

"Tonight is my chance to go back to high school," said Perry, "although this time people actually like me."

Voters continued to really like



Jane Lynch, center, and the cast of Glee, accept the Choice TV Comedy award at the Teen Choice Awards on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010 in Universal City, Calif.

"Twilight" stars Taylor Lautner and Robert Pattinson, who were present to accept their multiple awards, seemingly handed out like candy at the freewheeling ceremony. Of Pattinson's four wins, one was actually not related to the supernatural saga: choice drama movie actor for "Remember Me."

"It's great to win something outside of 'Twilight,'" said Pattinson.

Throughout the show, funnyman Ken Jeong of "Community" and the upcoming bloodsucker satire "Vampires Suck" lingered inside a coffin on the side of the stage at Universal Studios Holly-

wood's Gibson Amphitheatre. Jeong, dressed as his vampire character Daro, only emerged to introduce presenters to the crowd of "bloody teens."

The awards, which honor celebrities in television, film, music and sports, were selected by over 85 million votes cast online. Other multiple winners

included "Gossip Girl," Ellen DeGeneres, "Pretty Little Liars" and "Wizards of Waverly Place" star Selena Gomez, who picked up trophies in both TV and music categories.

The extravaganza was punctuated with several silly moments. Kim, Khloe and Courtney Kardashian, winners in the reality show and reality stars categories for "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," were joined by their rarely seen older sister: Cougar Kardashian, a draged-up George Lopez sporting a dress, wig and pair of heels.

"Oh my God," exclaimed Lopez. "I got a blister the size of Justin Bieber on my heel."

The teen sensation wasn't in attendance at Sunday's show to retrieve his four awards though. Instead, footage was shown of Shaquille O'Neal presenting Bieber with his trophies for choice breakout artist, male artist, summer music star and pop album at his concert last month in Phoenix before Bieber crooned "U Smile."

Taylor Swift also won four awards but wasn't present to accept for choice female coun-

try artist, country song for "Fifteen," country album for "Fearless" and breakout movie actress for "Valentine's Day." Swift, however, did appear in a taped segment in which she mounted one of her surfboard-shaped trophies in a lake.

Winners on hand included choice action-adventure movie actor Channing Tatum for "G.I. Joe" and choice drama movie actress Sandra Bullock for "The Blind Side." While accepting her trophy, Bullock was interrupted by her "The Proposal" co-star Betty White, who shared the choice movie dance award with her for their tribal routine.

"I hate to blind-side you, but I've been coming to this show for years," interjected a grooving White. "If you think you're fitting in, think again, dear."

Before the ceremony, sweaty celebs strutted down a red carpet lined with wall gardens bursting with strawberries and other organic goodies. Also positioned along the carpet were fans—the ones that circulate air, not obsessive screams—powered by models pedaling exercise bikes to keep attendees feeling cool.

Stallone premieres 'The Expendables' in London

LONDON (AP)—Sylvester Stallone premiered his new movie "The Expendables" in London Monday after touring two other European capitals with some of his action-hero studded cast.

Dolph Lundgren and Jason Statham, two of a cast packed with 80's action stars, joined Stallone at Leicester Square's Odeon theater red-carpet premiere, lined with rows of fans screaming "Rocky! Rocky!"

"It's unbelievable," Stallone grinned. "These guys weren't even born (then)!"

Though some might question the vitality of a cast largely made up of men well over 40—a few in their mid-60's—Stallone said "The Expendables" was a return

to authentic action characters in an era dominated by special effects.

"It's a rapport with the audience. It's just that you believe what you see and that guy is bigger than the show," the star said, adding "every generation has to create their own hero and that's why you have the superhero, it's evolved. But after 'Avatar' it's like, 'Stop, let's go back to basics'."

The actor, best-known for "Rambo" and "Rocky" wrote, directed and starred in the film, in which he leads a gang of mercenaries who get caught up in a plot to overthrow the murderous dictator of a fictitious nation.

The story serves as a backdrop for countless explosions and fight scenes between Sly's team, which includes Jason Statham, Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Mickey Rourke, Terry Crews, former pro wrestler Steve Austin and Ultimate Fighting champ Randy Couture, plus cameos by Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Anyone looking to question "The Expendables" street credentials only needs to glance at the former Rambo star himself for proof that the big screen fights were real enough; he had his neck broken during filming.

The film hits theaters in the U.S. Friday and then opens around the world.

Defense in Smith case tries to discredit bodyguard

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Defense attorneys in the Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy trial attempted to weaken the credibility of a key prosecution witness Monday by questioning him about schemes to profit from his association with the former Playboy model.

Bodyguard Maurice Brighthaupt told of signing contracts with "Access Hollywood" for a total of \$50,000 to provide pictures and interviews after the Playboy model died in 2007 from a drug overdose.

He said Smith had given him a camera memory card with more than 100 photographs.

Among the pictures he provided was one of him in bed with Smith and her newborn baby, Dannielynn, he said, and images of the casket and hearse that carried the body of her son, Daniel, after his death.

Brighthaupt testified last week about drug use by Smith.

The exchange began the second week of testimony in the trial of Smith's lawyer-boyfriend

Howard K. Stern and her doctors Kristine Eroshevich and Sandeep Kapoor. They have pleaded not guilty to conspiring to provide Smith excessive amounts of opiates and sedatives. They have not been charged with her death.

The defense also sought to quiz Brighthaupt about a scheme detailed in deposition testimony in which he said he and another person planned to sell pictures of the newborn girl for \$1 million.

The judge, who at first agreed to allow the testimony, later barred Brighthaupt from addressing that issue in front of the jury because he said it might be too inflammatory.

Deputy District Attorney Renee Rose complained the testimony would implant "the impression with the jury that everybody around Anna Nicole was scheming."

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry responded, "The impression I get is everyone was scheming."

Brighthaupt, under question-

ing, acknowledged that the first time he agreed to talk to authorities about Smith's death in Florida was after Stern went on CNN and accused the bodyguard of stealing pictures.

Brighthaupt also acknowledged that the first time he claimed Stern had administered prescription medication to Smith was after that public accusation against him.

Brighthaupt, who was forthcoming on direct examination by the prosecutor last week, told Stern's lawyer, Steve Sadow, he could not remember exact dates and claimed to have had "a little stroke" that blurred his memory of some events.

Brad Brunon, an attorney for Eroshevich, asked about the role of his client, a psychiatrist, in dealing with Smith after the death of her son, Daniel, from a drug overdose.

"She would counsel and talk to her all the time, comfort her as a mother would talk with a child," Brighthaupt said.

Under questioning by the

prosecutor, Brighthaupt said he never saw Eroshevich give the model a medical test. On occasion, he said, Eroshevich refused to give Smith more drugs, saying she was concerned about losing her medical license.

The bodyguard said Smith was so grief-stricken that she wanted to sleep all the time, and the chloral hydrate that Eroshevich prescribed seemed to be the only thing that would induce sleep for long periods.

"With the loss of her son she wanted to sleep because she said that was the only time she could see him," Brighthaupt said. "She slept more than she was up."

Brighthaupt said Stern and Smith had a romantic relationship beginning in 2006. Stern never refused her requests for medicine, he said.

"What was the difference in her attitude toward Mr. Stern when medicated?" Rose asked.

"More submissive," Brighthaupt said, "You could get more agreement out of her if she was medicated."

Manager: Levi Johnston to run for city office in Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Levi Johnston may be following in Sarah Palin's footsteps.

Johnston's manager, Tank Jones, on Monday confirmed a report on Variety magazine's website that Johnston is planning to run for city office in his hometown of Wasilla, Alaska, as part of a reality TV show.

Wasilla is where Palin got her start in politics, moving up from City Council to mayor before winning election as Alaska's governor in 2006.

Jones said Johnston is serious about a run, either for mayor or City Council.

"Let me put it to you like this: If you live in a town and things are happening in that town, and you're displeased with it, what do you do? You try to change those things," Jones said.

He declined to give specifics on what Johnston wants to change but insisted the run is real. "This is not a spoof. This is not a joke," Jones said.

According to the Wasilla city clerk, the next mayoral election is in 2011. The candidate filing period for council elections this October closed July 30. Johnston isn't listed among those candidates.

Wasilla's outspoken current mayor, Verne Rupright, was at a meeting Monday and didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

Johnston, 20, is the father of



Levi Johnston arrives at the Teen Choice Awards on Sunday, Aug. 8, 2010 in Universal City, Calif.

spotlight since first being thrust into it in 2008, amid Palin's bid for vice president, when he and Bristol were unwed teenagers expecting a child together.

Since then, he's gone on to pose for *Playgirl* and appear with Kathy Griffin on her reality show. On Sunday, he walked the red carpet at the Teen Choice Awards with singer Brittani Senser, with whom he agreed to shoot a music video.

Asked whether he believed people would take Johnston's run for office seriously, with TV cameras rolling, Jones said: "People questioned Jesus Christ, so I definitely don't care about these mere mortals questioning Levi Johnston."

"People can question whatever they want. I mean, he's going to keep on doing his thing," he said. "He was going to do this, even if this wasn't a reality show."

Jennifer Aniston is 1 of Barbra Streisand's people

LOS ANGELES (AP)—There are Barbra Streisand fans, and then there's Jennifer Aniston.

Aniston recreates iconic portraits of Streisand in a lavish Mark Seliger photo spread in the new issue of Harper's Bazaar. The magazine is on newsstands this week.

"The shoot was just fun," the 41-year-old actress said Saturday while promoting her new film, "The Switch."

"Look, you're dressing up in wigs and costumes and going into this beautiful theater in downtown Los Angeles, and her voice is booming through the speakers," she said. "And you get chills. It was almost like ... 'cause photo shoots I'm always uncomfortable in, because that sort of thing is not my career, it's not my profession.

So, it was sort of fun to kind of play a character like that."

Her fascination reaches beyond Streisand's look.

"I want to sing like Barbra!" she joked.

And like Streisand, Aniston wants to direct. She got a taste of behind-the-camera work directing the 2006 short "Room 10."

"I really am chomping at the bit to do that next. It was so creatively fulfilling. And I'm ready to do something else. It's time to sort of explore and I love this (acting). I'll never stop doing this until people say, 'Stop!' And maybe even then I won't stop," she said with a laugh. "But it's just time to sort of change it up."

"The Switch" will be released Aug. 20.



AP
In this magazine cover image released by Harper's Bazaar, actress Jennifer Aniston recreates an iconic portrait of Barbra Streisand in the September 2010 issue of "Harper's Bazaar."

Farrow, Campbell draw spotlight to war-crime trial

LEIDSCHENDAM, Netherlands (AP)—Naomi Campbell flirted with Liberia's former president across the dinner table at Nelson Mandela's presidential mansion in 1997 and boasted the following morning that Charles Taylor had given her a huge diamond during the night, Mia Farrow and another witness testified at Taylor's war crimes trial Monday.

Prosecutors hope testimony from the actress-turned-human rights activist and from Campbell's estranged former modeling agent will help tie Taylor to the illicit "blood diamond" trade that fueled Sierra Leone's civil war. Both contradicted Campbell's account from the witness stand last week that she did not know the nature or value of what she had received.

However, even if judges accept the women's testimony, it seems unlikely to change the course of the trial. Neither claimed to know for certain it was Taylor that gave Campbell the diamonds, meaning the episode will almost certainly be a surreal interlude of glamour in a grim case focused on murder and mutilation in the

jungles of West Africa.

Taylor says he is innocent of 11 war-crimes charges linked to allegations he supported rebels during Sierra Leone's vicious 11-year civil war, which ended in 2002 with an estimated 100,000 dead.

He has dismissed suggestions he was involved in the diamond trade as "complete, complete nonsense."

Farrow, however, recounted what she called the "unforgettable" memory of an excited Campbell coming down for breakfast the morning after Mandela's dinner party, so excited she could hardly sit.

"She said 'Oh my God, last night I was awakened by men knocking at the door and it was men sent by Charles Taylor and he sent me a huge diamond,'" Farrow said.

Campbell, who resisted appearing before the war-crimes court for months, testified under subpoena Thursday that she was given several small "dirty-looking" stones by men she didn't know after the function in Pretoria.

The British model said she hadn't known they were diamonds, nor who had sent them, and said

Farrow was the one who suggested the gift was from Taylor.

Taylor's chief counsel, Courtenay Griffiths, said Farrow was unlikely to accurately remember what happened at a breakfast 13 years ago. He noted that Campbell received three uncut diamonds—not the single diamond Farrow insisted she heard Campbell talk about.

The defense also suggested Farrow's credibility was tainted by her activism, particularly her campaigns for the victims of Africa's wars.

Farrow, 65, conceded she had never seen the diamond or diamonds herself, and that Campbell might not have used the word "huge." But she insisted remembering Campbell only mentioned a single diamond.

South African businessman Jeremy Ractliffe, the former head of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, confirmed last week he had three stones he had received from Campbell to donate to charity after the 1997 dinner. He said he hadn't done anything with them because he feared that a blood diamond scandal might attach to Mandela or Campbell as a result. He has

now handed them over to South African authorities and they have been identified as uncut diamonds, but their origins are unknown.

In court, Judge Julia Sebutinde asked Farrow whether it was possible she might have seen the 2006 movie "Blood Diamond" and been influenced by its plot, which centers on a single large diamond.

But Farrow denied any suggestion that she was confusing reality with Hollywood.

Agent Carole White, who fell out with Campbell several years ago, told the court that Taylor and her then-client enjoyed each other's company at the dinner table.

"I think she was flirting with him and he was flirting back," she said.

At one point during the meal, White said, Campbell leaned back to speak to her. She "was very excited and she told me he was going to give her some diamonds," White told the court.

She said Campbell later appeared disappointed when she saw the uncut diamonds and they were "not very impressive and not enormously big."

Cold-hearted comment turns bedroom into deep freeze

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year. When we got together he had just gotten out of a five-year relationship. He says he loves me, but he recently told me that she was better in bed than I am!



Dear Abby

I have lost confidence in our relationship and don't enjoy making love with him now, knowing I don't measure up. His ex was better looking than I am, but I don't understand why he would say that. I have told him he hurt my feelings, but he doesn't care. What do I do now?

HURT IN BIG SKY COUNTRY

DEAR HURT: Now you ask yourself whether you want to continue a relationship with someone so tactless that he would drop a bomb on you like that one. It's telling that when you let him know you were hurt, he let you know he didn't care.

There are diplomatic ways for partners to communicate what they prefer when they are intimate. One of them involves positive reinforcement when their partner does something right. Another is simply saying in plain English what feels good. It appears that your boyfriend is insensitive to the max, my dear. But what you do about it is something no one but you can decide.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married 11 years to my husband, who is one of nine children. My sister-in-law has asked me for a copy of one of our wedding pictures, which is the last time all of them were together. Since the wedding, one of my husband's sibs has died and another is serving a long stretch in prison.

The problem is, she wants to digitally remove me from the picture! I don't want to give my sister-in-law a copy knowing I'll be edited out. It's hurtful, and after all these years it makes me feel like she hasn't fully accepted me as part of the family. Am I overreacting?

BLOCKED OUT IN TEXAS

DEAR BLOCKED OUT: Your sister-in-law wasn't very diplomatic, but what she is trying to memorialize is the last time her biological family was intact. The situation is poignant, really. My advice is not to take this personally. Give her the picture before any hard feelings "develop."

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DEAR ABBY: My 12-year-old niece, "Amanda," is on her cell phone constantly. She is the smartest kid I know, but she is failing her classes and has started to lie about everything. I raised her until she was 5—I was only 12 myself when I started—so I am very close to her. Or so I thought.

Amanda lives with her dad and stepmom, who are doing their best to raise her, but nothing is working. When she was growing up she never lied, and I mean never. I have told her not to be afraid to talk to me about anything, but she hasn't, and it hurts me that she can't come to me. What do you suggest I do?

WORRIED AUNT IN WASHINGTON

DEAR WORRIED AUNT: Speak to Amanda's father and suggest that he confiscate her cell phone until her grades improve. If she is texting instead of paying attention in class, and talking instead of doing her homework, that would be a step in the right direction. And continue to tell your niece that if she needs to talk to you about "anything," you are—and will always be—there for her.

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ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Rod Stewart to become father again at age 65

LONDON (AP)—Rod Stewart and Penny Lancaster have announced they are expecting their second child—and the 65-year-old rocker's seventh. The couple said in a statement Monday that they learned the "happy news" in June as they celebrated their third wedding anniversary. Stewart and 39-year-old Lancaster have been a couple for a decade and have a 4-year-old son, Alastair. The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer also has five children from previous relationships. The couple said they were "thrilled and delighted to be able to tell Alastair that he was going to be the big brother to a little

baby, expected just before Mum-my's 40th birthday."

Marc Anthony debuts in TNT's 'Hawthorne'

NEW YORK (AP)—Even though he won't be singing, Marc Anthony will make sweet music with Jada Pinkett Smith when he appears on her TNT series "Hawthorne." Anthony said his character falls for Smith's Christina, a hard-working chief nurse in a hospital. "Sparks fly. I think he has a crush on Christina and ... you're gonna have to watch it!" he said in a phone interview on Monday. Anthony plays Detective Nick Renata, a New York City cop who is investigating a kidnapping in Richmond, where

"Hawthorne" is based. "I realized right there that Christina needed a man," he said, laughing. Anthony has acted quite a bit before, even starring with wife Jennifer Lopez in the 2006 film "El cantante," in which he portrayed legendary salsa singer Hector Lavoe. Though he's in the middle of a tour for his Spanish album "Iconos," Anthony said he "absolutely" wants to keep on acting. Working with Pinkett Smith, he realized how fulfilling it is for him. "I feel more capable than ever," he said.

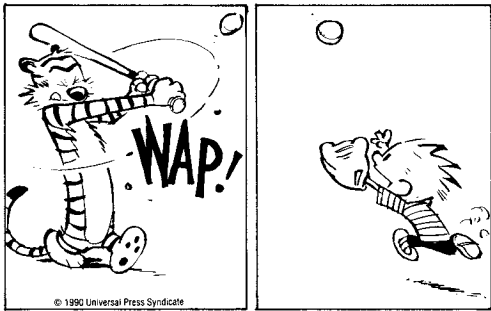
Publicist: Infection keeping Gabor in LA hospital

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Zsa Zsa Gabor's publicist says the actress

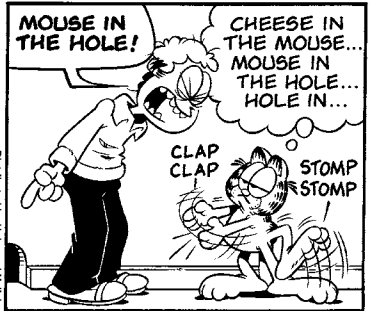
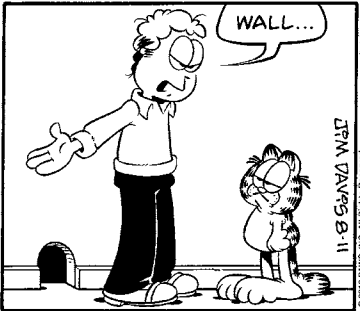
has developed an infection that will keep the 93-year-old hospitalized indefinitely as she recovers from a broken hip. Doctors had hoped to release Gabor on Monday, but Gabor's publicist John Blanchette says an infection changed those plans. He had no further details. Gabor has been hospitalized at the UCLA Ronald Reagan Medical Center since she broke her hip July 17 while trying to get into her wheelchair. The Hungarian-born actress' condition began to deteriorate after hip-replacement surgery days later. A call to her husband, Prince Frederic von Anhalt, was not immediately returned Monday. He said over the weekend that Gabor seemed depressed.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

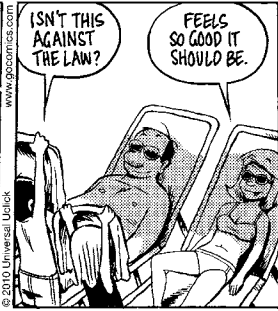


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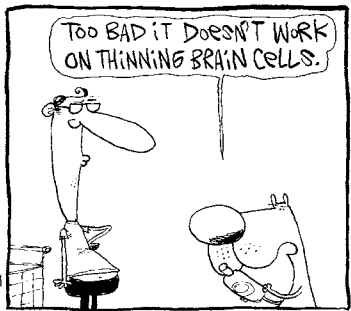
By Jim Davis

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By Bryan Basset

The Duplex



By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Venomous vipers
 - 5 Schedule abbr.
 - 8 Jeans-maker Strauss
 - 12 Vegetarian's no-no
 - 13 Navigator's aid
 - 14 Way out
 - 15 Publicity
 - 17 Church area
 - 18 Striped antelope
 - 19 Cash in
 - 21 Ova
 - 24 1960s hallucinogen
 - 25 Carriage
 - 28 Aquatic plant
 - 30 Charged bit
 - 33 Plague
 - 34 "The rain in — ..."
 - 35 Pair
 - 36 Drill sergeant's syllable
- DOWN**
- 1 "So be it"
 - 2 Alluring
 - 3 One of the Three Bears
 - 4 Hot
 - 5 Ostrich's kin
 - 6 Pitch
 - 7 Mimic
 - 8 Starring roles
 - 9 Speed up
 - 10 Workbench
 - 11 Detail
 - 16 Droop
 - 20 Verve
 - 22 Stare
 - 23 Dispatches
 - 25 Speedometer
 - 26 Debtor's letters
 - 27 Atoned
 - 29 Heart of the matter
 - 31 Pussy-cat's partner
 - 32 "To be or — ..."
 - 34 Terrier type
 - 38 News-writer's credit
 - 40 Despots
 - 42 Every last bit
 - 43 Vessel's team
 - 44 Split violently
 - 45 Ms. Moore
 - 47 Passed, and then some
 - 48 Actress Sorvino
 - 49 Teeny particle
 - 52 "Sun King" Louis
 - 53 Snoop

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 8-11

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ashley Jensen, 41; Joe Rogan, 43; Viola Davis, 45; Hulk Hogan 57

Happy Birthday: Much can be resolved if you are practical and willing to work with others to reach a common goal. Uncertainty will surround your financial situation but, if you are moderate in your spending, you will come out ahead. Suddenly, unexpected change will lead to better days ahead if you accept the inevitable and make the most of whatever comes your way. Your numbers are 7, 15, 23, 28, 33, 35, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need time to think about how you want to handle your current relationships. Taking a day off will help you gain greater perspective regarding your options and your future. Don't feel you have to react to the changes around you. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may be feeding you false information about an organization or volunteer service that is looking for recruits. Ask questions and don't donate to any group you know little about. Someone you care about will have a surprise for you. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be patient when dealing with affairs of the home. The less critical you are, the easier it will be to get things done the way you want. Love is on the rise. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't waste time or give in to demands being put on you by people wanting to dump responsibilities in your lap. Don't get angry or

procrastinate. Instead, get work out of the way so you can spend time with friends or a relaxing pastime. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): People, places and pastimes should all come into play. Love, intrigue and serious commitment all have the potential to lead you in a positive direction. You will learn from traveling or communicating with others. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things may be difficult to resolve with regard to joint financial ventures and settlements. Collect or repay old debts. A physical challenge will require mind over matter. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make a commitment to follow through with your longtime plans or fulfill a promise you have made. Your creativity is skyrocketing. The experiences you create now will lead to greater rewards, friendships and knowledge. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A fresh look at an old project will bring it back to life. This time, present what you have and someone will be intrigued with its potential. A partnership is likely to develop, adding greater diversity to the final product. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your masterful way of presenting what you have to offer will take everyone by storm. Love is apparent, making this an ideal time to enhance your current relationship or find someone compatible. Avoid emotional conversations that might jeopardize your position. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't present or discuss your plans just yet. You will be faced with controversy and opposition. Focus on making money, settling deals and taking care of any health issues you face. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to take care of loose ends. Pay off debts or collect what's owed you. Deals, contracts, settlements and health issues can all be taken care of satisfactorily. A friend from the past will enhance your future emotionally and financially. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take control of whatever situation you face and make the changes required quickly. A partnership will benefit you in more ways than you can imagine. Trust in what others offer and you will move ahead fast. ***

Birthday Baby: You have a good eye and are creative, open-minded and confident. You are willing to try new things. You are disciplined and caring with friends and family.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/11

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

5	3	8	9	6	1	7	2	4
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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/10

WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

WORD LIST: BABY PICTURES Solution: 8 letters

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,) Civil Action
Plaintiff,) No. 09-0183-CV
vs.) NOTICE OF
JACQUELINE A. ATALIG,) HEARING ON
Defendant.) PLAINTIFF'S
) MOTION FOR
) DEFAULT
) JUDGMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Aug. 31, 2010, at 9:00 am, a hearing will be held before the Judge Manglona on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of July, 2010.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:) Civil Action No. 10-0217-CV
) NOTICE OF HEARING ON
JOSEPH PANGELINAN) PETITION FOR LETTERS OF
VILLAGOMEZ,) ADMINISTRATION
Decedent.) PETITION TO OPEN ESTATE
) ACCOUNT/AUCTION LHM
) BUSINESS EQUIPMENT AND
) ASSETS/MAKE DEMAND FOR
) RECEIVABLE OWNED TO
) ESTATE/ PAY FOR ATTORNEY'S
) FEE DEPOSIT.
) Date: August 24, 2010
) Time: 1:30 p.m.
) Judge: Naraja

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSEPH PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ OR HIS ESTATE:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luise Villagomez Sanchez, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Letters of Administration, and the following Petition: Petition To Open Estate Account/Auction LHM Business Equipment and Assets/make demand for Receivables owed to Estate/Pay for Attorney's Fee and Deposit for the Estate of Joseph Pangelinan Villagomez, Deceased. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.

The hearing on the Petition by Luise Villagomez Sanchez, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be held on August 24, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors or entities having claims against the Deceased or his estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of this publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of your claim should also be sent to ROBERT TENORIO TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2010.

/s/BERNADITA A. SABLAN
Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NIPPON GENERAL TRADING CORPORATION,) Civil Action
Plaintiff,) No. 09-0205
vs.) SUMMONS
KOICHI TABELI and EMMA GUILLERMA TABELI,)
Defendants.)

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
KOICHI TABELI and EMMA GUILLERMA TABELI

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Law Office of F. Matthew Smith, LLC, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is Post Office Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at the Guma Hustisia Complex, Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court:
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Commonwealth Superior Court

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2009.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION,) CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,) NO. 07-0425
vs.) SUMMONS FOR
CECILIA NAPUTI RIOS,) PUBLICATION
Defendant.)

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, the Plaintiff's Attorneys, whose address is P.O. Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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Lester, bullpen help Red Sox beat Yankees



NEW YORK

(AP)—Jon Lester received help from relievers Daniel Bard and Jonathan Papelbon in ending his career-worst four-game skid, helping the Boston Red Sox salvage a series split by beating the New York Yankees 2-1 on Monday.

Boston took the finale of the wrap-around series that had four different start times because of national TV demands. The win ensured the third-place Red Sox remained six games behind AL East-leading New York, their standing when the series began.

Lester (12-7) didn't give up a hit until Austin Kearns singled with one out in the fifth inning, and was lifted for Bard with the bases loaded and one out in the seventh—and Derek Jeter and Nick Swisher due up.

Bard pumped six pitches past the Yankees Nos. 1 and 2 hitters, striking them out.

Orioles 3, White Sox 2, 10 innings

At Baltimore, Brian Roberts hit his first home run of the season leading off the 10th inning as the Orioles continued their uncanny run of success under new manager Buck Showalter.

Baltimore is 6-1 since Showalter made his debut last Tuesday. Earl Weaver is the only other manager in the history of the Orioles to win six of his first seven games.

After sweeping three games from the Los Angeles Angels, the last-place Orioles took three of four from Chicago, giving them successive series wins for the first time since July 2009. The homestand was Baltimore's best since it went 7-0 against Seattle and Texas from Aug. 3-9, 2004.

Rays 6, Tigers 3

At Detroit, Matt Joyce homered and the Rays ended their five-game losing streak with a win over the Tigers.

Tampa Bay got within 1 1/2 games of first-place New York, and Detroit lost for the eighth time in 10 games to stay nine behind Chicago in the AL Central.

David Price (15-5) struggled with his command, walking four batters in five innings, but nine strikeouts helped him allow just two runs.

Three Rays relievers finished, with Rafael Soriano pitching the ninth for his 32nd save in 34 tries. The four Tampa Bay pitchers combined for 13 strikeouts.

Mariners 3, Athletics 1

At Seattle, the last-place Mariners welcomed new interim manager Daren Brown by getting their first triple play in 15 years in a win over the Athletics.

Brown moved up from Triple-A Tacoma earlier Monday when Seattle fired first-time manager Don Wakamatsu after 1 1/2 seasons.

Brown became the 10th of Seattle's 17 managers to win their first game.

Only one of the other 16 finished their Mariners tenure with a winning record: Lou Piniella. The only manager to take Seattle to the postseason left after the 2002 season with a year left on his contract.

Brown, a 10-year veteran of Seattle's system, is the team's sixth manager in the eight seasons since.

Angels 6, Royals 4

At Anaheim, Bobby Abreu had three hits



New York Yankees' Robinson Cano, left, is out at second on a fielder's choice as Boston Red Sox second baseman Bill Hall attempts to get the double play during the second inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 9, 2010 at Yankee Stadium in New York.

and drove in four runs to help the Los Angeles Angels hang on to win for just the third time in their last seven games after blowing most of a 5-0 lead.

Ervin Santana (11-8) allowed three runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander struck out three and walked one.

Brian Fuentes retired pinch-hitter Brayan Pena on a fly ball with the tying runs in scoring position in the ninth to earn his 22nd save in 26 chances.

Sean O'Sullivan (0-3) gave up six runs and 10 hits in 6 1-3 innings in his fourth start for the Royals since being traded by

the Angels on July 22. The right-hander struck out six and walked one.

Giants 4, Cubs 3

At San Francisco, Carlos Zambrano matched his career-high with seven walks in his first start since a June 25 dugout tirade and ensuing banishment but his Chicago Cubs lost to the San Francisco Giants in 11 innings.

Pat Burrell hit a game-ending sacrifice fly off loser Marcos Mateo (0-1), who made his major league debut after being called up earlier in the day.

Edgar Renteria led off the 11th with a

single and Aubrey Huff's single moved him to third. Mateo then intentionally walked standout rookie Buster Posey to bring up Burrell.

Chris Ray (5-0) recorded the final out of the 11th for the win.

Cardinals 7, Reds 3

At Cincinnati, Skip Schumaker hit his first career grand slam during the St. Louis Cardinals biggest inning of the season, supplying more than enough runs for right-hander Chris Carpenter to beat the Cincinnati Reds for the ninth time in a row.

The Cardinals provided a lopsided

start to their showdown for first place in the NL Central, trimming Cincinnati's lead to one game.

St. Louis sent 12 batters to the plate for seven runs in the fourth, giving rookie Mike Leake (7-4) his worst moments in the majors. Schumaker's grand slam—only his 19th career homer—made it 6-0.

Carpenter (13-3) has won his last nine starts against the Reds, a streak that started in 2006. He gave up five hits and a pair of runs in seven innings.

Ramon Hernandez had three of Cincinnati's seven hits, including an RBI double off Carpenter and a solo homer off Kyle McClellan.

Diamondbacks 7, Brewers 4, 10 innings

At Milwaukee, Stephen Drew hit a two-run single and Ryan Church added a pinch-hit RBI in the 10th inning as Arizona rallied against Trevor Hoffman.

Hoffman (2-5), who earned his first save in three months on Saturday, came on to pitch the 10th after the Diamondbacks tied it at 4 in ninth.

Kelly Johnson doubled to left with one out. With two outs, Miguel Montero was walked intentionally to face Mark Reynolds who walked on a 3-2 pitch to load the bases. Drew slapped a 2-2 pitch up the middle for two runs. Church, hitting for Sam Demel (1-0), singled to right to make it 7-4.

The Diamondbacks ended a seven-game losing streak to Milwaukee. Aaron Heilman pitched the 10th for his sixth save in 11 chances.

Astros 10, Braves 4

At Houston, hot-hitting rookie Chris Johnson drove in three runs, including two in Houston's six-run seventh inning.

Atlanta committed three errors and had a wild pitch to help the Astros end a four-game losing streak.

Jason Heyward, who turned 21 on Monday, hit his 12th home run of the season to the bullpen in right center field. He became the fourth player to homer on his 21st birthday, joining Ted Williams (1939), Frank Robinson (1956) and Alex Rodriguez (1996) according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

FDA 'steroid cop' quizzes Armstrong's ex-teammates

BURLINGAME, Calif. (AP)—He's been called high-minded, a trailblazing lawman and "America's top steroid cop."

For someone who does his best work behind the scenes, federal agent Jeff Novitzky is hardly a stranger to the spotlight. And depending on the results of an ongoing investigation into the sometimes-shadowy world of pro cycling, he could soon become better-known still.

After hounding home-run king Barry Bonds for years and wringing a confession from Olympic sprinter Marion Jones, Novitzky is leading an investigation that has questioned sponsors and examined claims from former teammates of Lance Armstrong, the seven-time Tour de France champion. A grand jury has been seated in Los Angeles to hear evidence in the investigation over the coming weeks and months, and Armstrong sponsors Trek Bicycle Corp. and Nike each said Friday that they've been contacted by

federal agents.

"I'm just glad he ain't after me," said attorney Richard Emery. "He is a nightmare for anyone that's he's focused on."

Emery represents Brian McNamee, the one-time personal trainer who accused former New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens of using steroids. The attorney ticks off a list of qualities that anyone who's worked with Novitzky would recognize and even his critics would concede: smart, meticulous, sophisticated, well-prepared and "straight as an arrow."

"He's creative," Emery added, "a bulldog. And very charming in his ability to bring people out."

But the people Novitzky pursues complain his tactics range much further afield.

Defense attorneys have accused him of carrying out vendettas against their clients, leaking information, fabricating evidence and intimidating witnesses along the way. More than one

judge has raised doubts about the way he conducts investigations.

"What ever happened to the Fourth Amendment?" U.S. District Judge James Mahan wrote about a 2004 search-and-seizure case, in which Novitzky had a warrant to collect information on 10 baseball players—but ended up seizing material from more than 100.

Like Mahan, two other district court judges ruled the government acted illegally. One said the government's tactics constituted "harassment." A specially convened 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit of Appeals agreed; Novitzky was required to return the names and has been prohibited from using them to expand his investigation. A government appeal is pending.

That hasn't deterred prosecutors from taking a shot with Novitzky.

"Despite the criticism that has been lofted his way, he has always been able to prove his critics wrong," said Kevin Ryan, the U.S. attorney in San Fran-

cisco during the height of the BALCO prosecutions. "He's relentless. He's ethical. He's a very good investigator."

Novitzky has carved out a specialty going after high-profile sports figures by bringing an athlete's pedigree and an accounting degree to his work, first with the Internal Revenue Service, and, since spring 2008, with the Food and Drug Administration.

What quickly set him apart from the other government investigators scouring financial records was his willingness to crawl into a trash container behind the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative in 2002 and collect the documents himself. Next, he took a crash course in performance-enhancing drugs, or PEDs, from one of the best in the business.

"As a result of the BALCO investigation he became well-known in government circles," said Don Catlin, the respected Los Angeles chemist and longtime anti-doping crusader who tutored Novitzky. "He became a star."

Jets owner not optimistic about Revis deal



CORTLAND, N.Y. (AP)—It appears Darrelle Revis won't be joining his teammates anytime soon.

The New York Jets rejected the latest offer proposed by the All-Pro cornerback's agents, and owner Woody Johnson is not optimistic a deal can get done before the regular season.

"The answer's no," Johnson said tersely Monday, a few hours after agent Neil Schwartz told The Associated Press he was awaiting a response from the Jets.

Schwartz and partner Jonathan Feinsod met with general manager Mike Tannenbaum and director of football administration Ari Nissim at a diner last Friday. They offered a long-term contract proposal for Johnson to review to try to make some headway in the dispute.

"Fundamentally, there really wasn't any change," Tannenbaum said, "and right now, we can't find something that makes sense for both sides, so we really don't have any progress."

Revis has missed nine days, including Monday, since the team reported for training camp at SUNY Cortland. He is scheduled to make \$1 million in the fourth year of his six-year rookie deal, but wants to become the league's highest-paid cornerback.

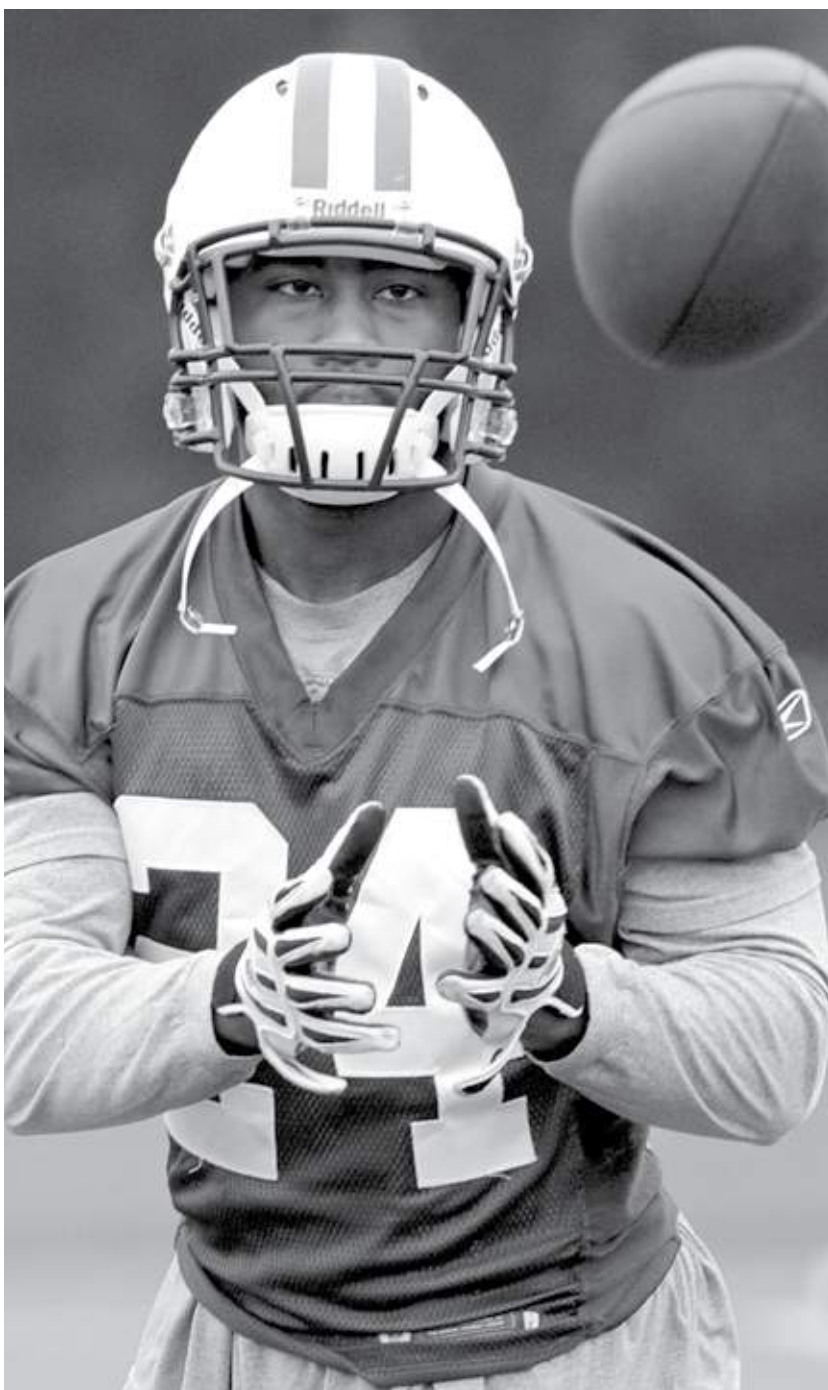
A clearly irritated Johnson sounded less optimistic than he did a week ago, when he last commented on the negotiations.

"Well, I think based on the meeting we had last Friday, that Mike had, that's the conclusion," Johnson said. "And, you know, that's my feeling right at this moment."

Tannenbaum added that both sides had a "pretty good sense" of where the negotiations stood after their three-hour meeting at Roscoe's Diner, located about two hours southeast of the team's training camp site.

Revis is seeking a deal higher than the three-year, \$45.3 million extension Oakland's Nnamdi Asomugha signed last offseason. The All-Pro cornerback has not commented publicly since minicamp in June.

"The problem in this situation is we have a very fundamental difference of opinion on what the compensation should be," Tannenbaum said. "When we will talk next, that's hard to say."



In this June 14, 2010, file photo, New York Jets cornerback Darrelle Revis prepares to catch the ball during NFL football minicamp in Florham Park, N.J. Revis is holding out from training camp, locked in a contract dispute with the team.

Schwartz said the HBO and NFL Films crew from "Hard Knocks," which is filming the Jets during training camp, asked to attend the meeting. Schwartz and Feinsod declined.

Jets coach Rex Ryan said he hadn't heard anything new between practices Monday, and insisted the team needs to press ahead without Revis.

"We're coaching this group," Ryan said. "That's all we can focus on right

now is getting this team ready. We've got to prepare like he's not going to be here. And, if he comes walking through the door, that's fine. Somebody will kiss him on the lips, probably. It doesn't matter. We're getting this team ready."

Revis is being fined \$16,523 for each day he misses, meaning he is already out \$148,707. By sitting out, he also waived a clause in his contract which would have guaranteed him \$20 mil-

lion over the last two years of his deal.

The next big day in the holdout is Tuesday, when—by rule—he wouldn't get credit for this year as an accrued season toward free agency. However, it is believed that won't have much bearing on Revis' decision.

The possibility that it could be a long holdout isn't out of the question. Revis' uncle, former NFL defensive lineman Sean Gilbert, sat out the entire 1997

season in a contract dispute. Gilbert, whom Revis confides in, ended up getting traded from Washington to Carolina and got the big payday he sought.

"When there is an appropriate deal to be made, I have absolutely no idea," Tannenbaum said. "Do I hope it was a month ago? Sure. But, until there's a deal that makes sense for both sides, he's not here and there's nothing we can do about it."

Cushing blames positive test on overtraining

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Texans asked the NFL to reduce or rescind the four-game suspension given to star linebacker Brian Cushing on Monday, saying he has a unique medical condition stemming from something called overtrained athlete syndrome.

Cushing described the condition after Monday morning's practice. He said the syndrome can trigger hormonal spikes after breaks in training, explaining why he would have tested positive for a fertility drug last September - a drug he said he never took.

"I think that's the final diagnosis we came up with," he said, "and a lot of doctors have supported why this has happened."

Texans owner Bob McNair met with commissioner Roger Goodell in New York to plead his case. The league denied Cushing's appeal of the suspension in February.

"I did meet with Bob at his request," Goodell said Monday during a previously scheduled conference call with Texans season ticket holders. "I'm trying to get all the facts correct, so we make sure we are making the right decision."

Goodell said he's open-minded about reconsidering Cushing's case.

"As you know in the medical profession, there are rarely absolutes and there are varying opinions," he said. "We want to make sure we listen to all the experts and understand all the facts."

Cushing was suspended for the first four games this season after testing positive last year for HCG, a drug on the league's banned substance list. Cushing says he never took the drug, which can be used to restart testosterone production after a steroid cycle, and has no idea how it got into his body.

Cushing said months of tests show that he had a "unique" medical condition that led to the positive test.

"Every individual is genetically different," he said. "I had a unique situation where something like this occurred and we have the science to back it up. It's taken months. It's really beyond what we ever thought and it's beyond the regular medical doctor."

"We've gone in depth, and there has been a lot of money spent on the research," he said. "There have been a lot of interesting results that I think can help us."

Cushing said he could not offer details about what scientific evidence McNair was presenting. Tom Condon, Cushing's agent, did not answer e-mail and phone messages.

Cushing, Houston's first-round draft pick in 2009, had 133 tackles for the team last season to win The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year award. He retained the award after a revote following his suspension.

McNair repeatedly has said he believes Cushing, while also saying he supports the NFL's drug testing programs.

"I had a meeting with the league's medical staff and presented additional medical information about Brian Cushing," McNair said late Monday in a statement. "The doctors will review the information and we'll hear from them at a later date."

Cushing said he was told after he failed the test that HCG can get in your body by injection or because of tumors. McNair said on the first day of training camp that the Texans' main concern is for Cushing's health, and McNair said the linebacker has undergone every test the team has asked him to take.

NBA to play 2 regular-season games in London



LONDON (AP)—Those high-flying slam dunks and long-distance 3-pointers are going to mean a lot more to the London crowd next year when the NBA plays its first regular-season games in Europe.

NBA commissioner David Stern announced Monday that the Toronto Raptors and New Jersey Nets will face each other March 4 and 5 at the O2 Arena, the same venue that has hosted preseason games over the last several years.

"It's going to make basketball shine as a sport of passion, intensity, teamwork," Stern said on a conference call.

The NBA has been looking to expand overseas for years, and Stern has said in the past he would like to play a meaningful game in London before the city hosts the Olympics in 2012.

"This, to us, is really within the context of giving as much support as we can to the sport of basketball for the 2012 Olympics," Stern said. "In Beijing (at the 2008 Olympics), basketball was the hottest ticket. We don't necessarily expect that to be the case in London, although ... I think that there's a good possibility that basketball will assume a role that folks in the United Kingdom might never have anticipated."

In the early 1990s, the NBA played some regular-season games in Japan—the only ones ever held outside North America. They've also played in Mexico City.

Although the NBA is finally making the jump to play meaningful games in Europe, Stern was hesitant to say if the league would make it an annual occurrence.

"We would rather not make a promise that we couldn't fulfill. We'll need to assess how we do in March, what the impact is, and we're going to go from there," Stern said. "It would not surprise me if this became an annual event."

Before this season opens, the Los Angeles Lakers, New York Knicks and Minnesota Timberwolves will each play two games in the fifth installment of the NBA's preseason Europe Live Tour. The champion Lakers will face the Timberwolves at the O2 Arena on Oct. 4 and then play Barcelona in Spain three days later. The Knicks will play an Italian team in Milan on Oct. 3 and the Timberwolves three days later in Paris.

The NFL will be playing a regular-season game in London for the fourth straight season when the San Francisco

49ers face the Denver Broncos on Oct. 31 at Wembley Stadium. The NHL has also played regular-season games in London, and still does so in other European cities.

London was given the honor of hosting the first regular-season NBA games because of its financial drawing power, Stern said. Tickets for the two games are to go on sale Sept. 1.

Stern said both the Nets and Raptors expressed interest in playing overseas, and he noted that their combined rosters could include players from France, Italy, Spain, Brazil and Lithuania.

"And this is going to demonstrate to us ... the global representation in the sport and give fans an appreciation of what globalization has meant to us and how the sport itself has captured the imagination of youngsters all over the world," Stern said.

He noted that the Raptors play in Canada and the Nets are owned by Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov.

"When he bought the team, (he) made it clear he would like very much to travel," Stern said of the Nets owner, who will also send his team to China for a pair of preseason games against the Houston Rockets in Beijing and Guangzhou in October.

Stern also spoke about the possibility of having NBA franchises based in Europe.

"I think one franchise doesn't work. It needs to be multiple franchises in new buildings or good buildings," Stern said. "We need more buildings. And we need owners, and frankly, we need good television, and we need a better economy. And so I don't see that happening anytime soon, but I think it certainly is something that I and my successors will be considering."

Basketball's Cruz, Barcinas break into Top 5 in scoring

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"Tia de Preni" KOROR, Palau—The CNMI's Jericho Cruz and Dan Barcinas were among the Top 5 in scoring in the basketball competition of the 7th Micronesian Games at the Palau National Gymnasium here.

Cruz was the No. 2 scorer in the men's division with his 21.5 points average in six games. Cruz totaled 129 points in the round robin elimination, posting his biggest output in Game 2 against Palau when he logged 28 points in the CNMI's 67-61

triumph against the host.

In Game 1 against Pohnpei, Cruz struggled, but still finished in double figures with 16 in a losing cause. Against Chuuk, Cruz had another 16-point performance and the CNMI won, 80-64.

Cruz continued to lead the CNMI in scoring in the next three games, which the Commonwealth lost. Against Kosrae, Cruz had 25 points, while he nailed 23 in their game versus the Marshall Islands. In the CNMI's last game in the round-robin tournament against Guam, Cruz recorded 21 points.

Chuuk's Eddy Nifon was the men's basketball scoring champion after his 23.50 average in

six games. Chuuk was winless in the tournament, while the CNMI finished sixth and failed to advance to the medal round.

Rounding out the Top 5 was Kosrae's Taulung David (20.8 points per game), Barcinas (14.3 points per game), and Pohnpei's William Hawley (13.83 points per game).

Barcinas scored in double figures in the CNMI's first five games and could have moved up to the scoring leaderboard if not for his six-point output in their last game in the elimination round against Guam. Barcinas had his best offensive game against Chuuk when he tallied 22 markers.

Camacho third in women's division

Connie Camacho also broke into the Top 5 scoring in the women's division, placing third behind two Guam players.

The CNMI Women's Nationals team captain averaged 13 points per game after four matches in the elimination round.

She scored 13 points in the CNMI's loss to Palau, had eight in their victory over Chuuk, 15 against the Marshall Islands, and 16 against Guam.

In the semifinals against Palau, Camacho sizzled for 24 points and lifted the CNMI to a 61-58 upset victory.

Camacho finished third in scoring behind Guam's Brianna Benito and Kathryn Castro, who averaged 18.5 and 15.7 points per game, respectively.

Completing the Top 5 were the Marshalls' Reni Hadley (11.8) and Stacey Leijena (11.6).

Docomo Golf Classic on Sept. 4

The Docomo Pacific Golf Classic will tee off on Sept. 4 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

There is a \$95 entrance fee that includes cart and green fees, on-course refreshments, the admittance to the awards banquet and more. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Marianas Tourism Education Council.

Applications are available

at local golf courses, Docomo Pacific in Gualo Rai, and at MITA travel locations.

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For more information, contact James Nelson at 483-4215 or e-mail jnelson@docomopacific.com. **(Walter Sutherland)**

Crucial MRA meeting set today



The Marianas Racing Association is calling on all its past members as well as all off-road motorcycle and ATV enthusiasts to attend a meeting set at 6pm tonight at the Minachom Atdao Pavilion, across the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The purpose of this meeting is to regroup the association and to discuss membership and track matters. All MRA members—past, present, and future—and their families are encouraged to

attend this important meeting. For more information, contact Dave Celis at 483-4218.

The MRA promotes safe use and operation of off road motorcycles and ATVs and organizes closed course competition for various ages. The MRA has played host to numerous international events held here on Saipan. Members of the MRA have also participated in internationally sanctioned events in Indonesia, the Philippines, Guam, and Macau. **(MRA)**

ATHLETICS

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well and we are very satisfied with their performance here," NMA head coach Elias Rangamar said.

"The team did their best and came out on top. Our girls' performance is a phenomenal," Rangamar added.

The NMA coach was talking of Jacque Wonenberg, Yvonne and Yvette Bennett, Lia Rangamar, and Reylyn Sapong, who swept the 4x400m and 4x100m relay races, and Mamiko Oshima-Berger and

Jeneque Benavente, who also won gold medals for the CNMI team.

Oshima-Berger started the CNMI's medal haul during the first day of the athletics competition on Aug. 2 when she topped the 10,000m run. Two days later, Oshima-Berger claimed her second gold medal after winning the 5,000m at the Palau National Track and Field.

Benevante gave the CNMI's its second gold medal in athletics when she ruled the women's discuss throw. Benavente also won a silver medal in the shot put, while Emiliana Quitugua took the bronze

in the same event.

Wonenberg won the most medals for CNMI in athletics with nine, winning six gold medals, including the two relays, two silver, and a bronze.

Yvonne Bennett was next with five gold medals, counting the two relay races. She dominated the 200m, 400m, and 100m runs. She ruled the 100m sprint in record-breaking fashion, posting Micronesian's best time of 12.68 seconds.

In the women's division, Ryan Ichihara had a gold, Nick Gross and Clayton Kenty each won a silver, and Tyrone Omar went home with two

bronze medals.

The CNMI athletics team gave the Commonwealth the second most medals in this 10-day sports festival that concluded yesterday.

The CNMI's win in the athletics competition of the 7th Micronesian Games reaffirmed the island-nation's status as one of the powerhouses in the region.

Coming into the 7th Micronesian Games, the CNMI topped the 2009 Micronesian Athletics Championships in Australia where Guam, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesian also competed.

her lowest output in the tournament. Palero, Lena Guzman, and Jamie Mendoza had two points each.

Pardilla paced Guam with 18 points, while Benito chipped in 14. Kathryn Castro contributed 11 and four other Guam players nailed at least five points apiece.

Guam was playing Kosrae in the men's gold medal game and result of the match was unavailable at press time.

Guam 78 — J. Pardilla 18, Benito 14, Castro 11, Pelkey 8, Tedpahago 8, Quichocho 7, A. Pardilla 5, Barranda 2.

CNMI 33 — Rangamar 9, Pagarao 8, Camacho 7, Guzman 2, Mendoza 2, Palero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 21-9, 38-20, 58-29, 78-33.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The CNMI's Jericho Cruz goes for a floater during their game against the Marshall Islands in the basketball competition of the 7th Micronesian Games last week at the Palau National Gymnasium.

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bunch of little islands will continue to show their excellence in sports through the Micronesian Games.

At the close of the Games, Keldermans handed the Micronesian Games flag to Pohnpei Lt. Gov. Churchill B. Edward, transferring to the state the task of hosting the eighth edition of the quadrennial event.

Palau topped the seventh edition of the Micro Games, as the unofficial final medal tally, bought to you by IT&E, showed the host with 54 gold medals,

44 silver, and 30 bronze. The CNMI was second with 44 gold medals, 23 silver, and 25 bronze. Guam moved up from fourth to third in the final day after its victories in basketball, bringing its total to 20 gold, 25 silver, and 21 bronze.

The CNMI notched a silver medal in the final day of the 10-day event after the Commonwealth's cage belles finished second to Guam in the women's basketball.

"We're very happy with what we have achieved. Of course, you always look for more, but we're happy and satisfied with the results we did get," CNMI chef de mission Michael White said.

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basket, and connecting on outside shots for an easy win.

At the end of the first quarter alone, Guam went ahead by double digits, 21-9.

Women's division top scorer Brianna Benito, who averaged 18.5 points in the elimination round, led Guam's good start, scoring eight in the opening quarter.

Connie Camacho also got off to a solid start, firing the CNMI's first five points in the game. However, she went on to score only one field goal in the remainder of the game, as Guam defenders hounded her beyond the arc and in the paint.

With Camacho struggling, Lia Rangamar and Lalaine Pagarao tried to step up for the CNMI in the second quarter. However, Pagarao and Rangamar bled for points, too with the latter scoring only two free throws and then canning a triple at the end the first half, which showed the CNMI fell behind, 20-38. Pagarao was held to a field goal in the second canto, too and added three free throws.

Guam had less problems on offense in the second period, as its outside shots began dropping with captain Jocelyn Pardilla and Maree Pelkey hitting one triple apiece.

Guam continued to run its well-oiled offense in the third period to break the game wide open, 58-29. The eventual gold

medalist had three triples in the third, while the CNMI had no player scoring more than two points in that canto.

Things turned from bad to worse for the Commonwealth in the fourth when coach Bill Sewell's wards were held to a field goal in the final canto. The CNMI was scoreless for seven and a half minutes of the fourth before an Ira Palero short jumper broke the Commonwealth's silence. The CNMI's two other points in the fourth came from Pagarao's pair of free throws.

No CNMI player finished in double figures in the gold medal game, as the best that Rangamar could do was tally nine points. Pagarao had eight, while Camacho came up with seven points,

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

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					Milwaukee	53 60 .469 11
					Houston	48 63 .432 15
					Chicago	47 65 .420 16 1/2
					Pittsburgh	39 72 .351 24
Central Division					San Diego	64 46 .582 —
					San Francisco	64 49 .566 1 1/2
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Rezne, Yvonne nominated for top awards

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"Tia de Preril" KOROR, Palau—Swimmer Rezne Wong and sprinter Yvonne Bennett were the CNMI's nominees

to the Most Outstanding Male and Female Athletes awards for their performance in the 7th Micronesian Games.

Wong's name was submitted to the Micronesian Games Organizing Committee Monday, following his 13 gold medal haul in the swimming competition. Wong also won one silver medal. The 19-year-old swimmer's 13 gold medals were the most by any athlete who competed in the region's gathering of top athletes in 15 disciplines.

In the first day of the swimming competition at the Palau National Swimming Pool in Meyuns, Wong got off to a jackrabbit start, winning three individual medals and two in relays. He topped the individual medley race, the 200m breaststroke swim, and the 100m butterfly event.

In relays, he teamed up with Kai Staal and Kensuke and Shin Kimura in giving the CNMI the gold medal in the 4x50m medley relay and 4x200m freestyle relay.

On Day 2, Wong notched three more gold medals, prevailing in the 100m freestyle and 200m butterfly, and powering the CNMI team to a first place finish in the 400m freestyle relay. On Day 3, he ruled the 400m individual medley and 100m breaststroke, and then led the Commonwealth



Wong

to a gold medal win in the 400m medley relay. He also won the 50m butterfly.

In the final day of the swimming competition, Wong reigned supreme in the grueling 5-kilometer open water swim in the waters off the Palau Pacific Resort.

If Wong was the king of the pool for the CNMI, Bennett was the queen of the track for the Commonwealth.

Bennett won gold medals in the 100m, 200m, and 400m runs and anchored the CNMI women's team to a first place finish both in the 4x100m and 4x400m relay runs.

Of Bennett's three wins in individual running event, she ran the best in the 100m race, making CNMI and Microne-



Bennett

sian records.

She broke the CNMI National Record in the women's 100m run twice. The first time was during the qualifying heat when she timed in at 12.81 seconds, crushing the 12.9 second record she owned. Then in the 100m finals, Bennett clocked in at 12.68, earning her Micronesia's fastest woman title.

Bennett's record shattered the 12.90 seconds Palau's Ngerak Florencio posted on April 25, 2003 during the Micronesian Athletics Championship.

Bennett and Wong's foes for the top athletes awards have yet to be determined, but they are likely from swimming, athletics, wrestling, tennis, table tennis, and outrigger canoe, where multiple medals were at stake.

Sluggers fall short in medal game

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KOROR, Palau—The CNMI after all advanced to the finals of the baseball game in the 7th Micronesian Games, but failed to defend its gold medal game after bowing to host Palau, 3-7, Monday at the Asahi Ball Field.

The 2006 Micro Games champion, which faltered in its first attempt to make it to the finals after losing to Palau on technicalities in the semi-finals last Saturday, earned a rematch against the host, following a 6-3 win over Guam Sunday night.

Facing undefeated Palau and its ever supportive crowd, the CNMI committed several defensive errors in the first few innings and could not get its offensive game going to allow the host to dictate the momentum in the gold-medal match.

Not even a solo homer from Eli Aughenbaugh at the top of the ninth inning could spark the CNMI's lethargic offense and help the visitors' bid for an upset against the home team.

With the CNMI erratic on defense in the early goings of the game, Palau scored two unearned runs at the bottom of the first inning. Palau also notched two earned runs, taking a 4-1 lead after one complete inning.

Top of the first leadoff batter Jesus Iguel scored the first run in the finals, reaching home plate on Shane Yamada's single.

Ionis Rasa started at the mound for the CNMI, but was quickly relieved by Franco Flores, who came in at the



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Members of the CNMI baseball team tip their hat to the spectators after bowing to Palau, 7-3, in the gold medal game yesterday at the Asahi Ball Field.

second inning. Flores went on to strike out seven batters, but gave up two more runs, before Josh Jones took his place at the bottom of the seventh.

Palau used only one pitcher in the gold medal game; with Dulei Kalsen playing steady for nine innings and recording nine strikeouts.

Kalsen's ninth strikeout came when the CNMI was in scoring position at the top of the sixth with the score at 5-2, for Palau. The CNMI's Justin Alexander was on third and Aughenbaugh on first with two outs, three balls, and two strikes, and Ryan Ada batting. Kalsen then threw a pitch, Ada swung, and came up empty, ending the inning.

After the missed opportunity, the CNMI remained scoreless in the next two innings before Aughenbaugh hit the first homer in the 2010 Micro Games at the top of the ninth inning.

Aughenbaugh had a full count and once Kalsen released the ball, he hit it hard with his shot going over the left fence near the scoreboard.

However, Aughenbaugh's round-tripper was not enough to start a CNMI rally, as Palau regrouped and tightened its defense, anew, making a double play.

Palau scored the first out when second baseman Avery Amos caught Jesus Iguel's line drive. Ada, who came into bat after Aughenbaugh's homer and singled, tried running back to first, but was tagged out for the second out.

The game ended with Palau celebrating its gold medal win after pinch hitter Tyrone Omar flied out to right field.

The Palau-CNMI gold medal match was completed after about five hours, as teams had to stop playing on several occasions when rain started to fall.

Palacios, Faisao win MVP awards



The Unified Basketball

Association held its awards and trophies presentation after completion of the 2010 U18 finals Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The Rollers A team swept the championship best-of-three series over the Sonics and was awarded the coveted Golden Ball trophy. The championship sweep gave the Rollers A squad a perfect undefeated season.

Point guard for the champion Rollers A squad, Jason Palacios, was awarded two medals for snagging the most steals (27) and dishing out the most assists (32); in addition to being presented with the most valuable player trophy in the U18 finals.

His teammate, center Savali Talalemotu, was awarded two medals for accruing the most rebounds (82) and blocked shots (28) during the season.

The Sonics settled for the runner-up Silver Ball trophy and the Sixers won the team sportsmanship award.

Kagman 1-2-3 point guard Ichitaro Faisao was awarded the



Faisao

regular season MVP trophy.

Notably, the UBA is in the works of organizing a U20 division for players 20 and under, but the official start up date is still yet to be determined.

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Palacios

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Brothers in Arms Softball sets meeting today

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There will be a Brothers in Arms Softball Tournament rules meeting for all participating players, managers, and coaches today, Aug. 11, 5:30pm at Coffee Care on Capital Hill. Waiver forms will be passed out and the rules and regulations for the tourney will also be addressed.

So far, eight teams have already signed up and four more slots are available. The deadline for teams to pay the \$150 entrance fee is Friday, Aug. 13.

Sonnie Sablan is organizing the Brothers In Arms Softball Tournament for the weekend of Aug. 13 through 15 at the Capital Hill Field to help the Brothers in Arms softball team raise funds.

The team will compete in the upcoming 6th Annual CNMI Labor Day Softball Tournament on Sept. 3, 4, and 5 at the Russell Road Sports Complex in Kent, Washington.

In addition to Brothers in Arms, managed by Zeze Taitano, four teams from the CNMI are also making the long trip to Kent. The Calikano Falcons, managed by Juan "Teno" Tenorio; Team Chokechain, managed by Joe Torres; Team Faha, managed by B.J. Attao; and Team SUFA, managed by Joe Flores are all going stateside to participate against a 26-team pool for CNMI softball bragging rights in September.

Brothers in Arms is comprised of active duty military soldiers from the CNMI and Guam who served together in Iraq and who are currently stationed in Fort Polk, Louisiana. Members belong to D Company, 2-30th Infantry, 4th Brigade/10th Mountain Division, 162nd Infantry Brigade, and the 115th Combat Support Hospital.

The team competes in leagues and tournaments in the Texas and Louisiana area, and these provide excellent opportunities for the soldiers and their families to spend quality time with each other, to build relationships in their communities,

and to give them a little bit of home while they are away from our islands.

"Last year, Brothers In Arms traveled to the annual CNMI Labor Day Tournament for the very first time. It was a very special moment for the team because it helped to reunite our Marianas sons and their families with family and friends that they are rarely able to see. Brothers In Arms is very much interested in competing in this year's tournament in Seattle, and this would provide them with another opportunity to see family and friends before their deployment to Afghanistan later this year. Families of these Fort Polk soldiers are organizing a softball tournament here in Saipan to help raise funds for their travel," said Sonnie Sablan.

Power 99, Athlete's Foot, NTT Docomo, and Budweiser are sponsoring the weekend softball event.

For more information about the local Brothers in Arms tournament or to donate, contact Sablan at 483-2420 or e-mail sonnie808@yahoo.com.

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Athletes march at the oval of the Palau National Track and Field during the closing ceremony for the 7th Micronesian Games last night.

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KOROR, Palau—Athletes, coaches, and officials bid each other goodbye during the closing ceremony for the 7th Micronesian Games with the hope of seeing familiar faces in 2014 in Pohnpei.

From more than 1,200 participants at the traditional parade of teams during the opening cer-

emony, these numbers were cut to more than half in last night's closing rites, as most delegates had already went home after the 10 days of competition at the various venues here.

Those who stayed marched not under their respective flags at the Palau National Track and Field, but in one big group, as competition was over and it was time for Micronesian athletes to unite.

"You are all winners after going through hard fought games," Palau President Johnson Toribiong, who delivered the closing remarks in the Games.

Joining Toribiong in the list of guest of speakers at the closing ceremony were Micronesian Games Council president Bill Keldermans and Palau National Olympic Committee president Frank Kvota.

Both Kyota and Keldermans

congratulated athletes and officials for their triumphs and thanked all those who contributed to the success of the Games.

“As we see the sun set in the west, let us also see the sunrise in the east in 2014 when Pohnpei hosts the next Games. May they also be successful in hosting the Games,” Kvota said.

Keldermans said he hopes the high level of competition in Palau will be carried on in Pohnpei and that all these

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KOROR, Palau—The CNMI failed to defend its gold medal in women's basketball after losing to Guam in the championship game yesterday during the final day of the 7th Micronesian Games here.

Guam dominated the 2006 Micro Games champion from

start to finish en route to a 78-33 win in the women's gold medal game at the Palau National Gymnasium.

Guam, which did not join the 2006 edition of the Games, leaving the CNMI and Palau to duel for the gold medal, pushed all the right buttons in the finals, running the breaks well, scoring underneath the

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The CNMI's Jacque Wonenberg is sandwiched by two Guam defenders during their gold medal game in the women's basketball competition of the 7th Micronesian Games yesterday at the Palau National Gymnasium.

A group of approximately 15 young men are posing for a photo outdoors. They are all wearing blue t-shirts and blue baseball caps. Some are holding a large light blue flag that features a white star in the center, surrounded by a circular border of small, colorful dots. The group is standing in front of a building with green trim and trees. Two men in the front row are kneeling, while the others are standing. Many of the men are making hand gestures, possibly a 'shaka' or 'rock on' sign.

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Several members of the CNMI athletics team pose for a group photo during the opening ceremony for the 7th Micronesian Games at the Palau National Track and Field on Aug. 1, 2010.

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KOROR, Palau—Northern Marianas Athletics is very satisfied with its athletes' performance in the 7th Micronesian Games here.

The CNMI athletics team collected 13 gold medals, five silver, and seven bronze to walk away with the overall

championship in the track and field events.

The Commonwealth defeated Palau by only one gold with the host earning 12 gold medals, 10 silver, and six bronze. Guam finished third with five gold medals, 10 silver, and 13 bronze.

“Well, we couldn’t ask for more. Our athletes did very well.”

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The *Saipan Tribune's* independent printer erroneously printed July 22 stories on Page 28 yesterday. We are printing sports stories on Page 28 that should've come out yesterday in today's Page 27 of the newspaper. Our apologies.




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7th Micro Games MEDAL TALLY

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Palau	54	44	30	128
CNMI	44	23	25	92
Guam	20	25	21	66
Marshalls	19	18	19	56
Yap	13	11	15	39
Pohnpei	12	15	19	46
Chuuk	8	7	8	23
Kosrae	0	0	12	12

As of 5pm Aug. 10, Palau time.





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